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Clear, swift water, rocks, evergreen and birch—all typical of the north country from which the Nordstroms originally came. Nordstrom, literally translated from the Swedish, means “north stream.”

NORDSTROM

and

RELATED FAMILIES

A Genealogical and
Biographical Study



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Has such a thing happened in your days,
or in the days of your fathers?
Tell your children of it, and let your
children tell their children,
And their children another generation.

—Joel 1:2-3

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to be free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost, to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

Emma Lazarus -- American poet 1849-1887



Not all who came found improved living conditions immediately, but they found room and a bright future. They found hope under a private enterprise system. They looked into the future and saw a good life for themselves and for us, their posterity.

Hilma Swenson, third from left, and her friend, second from left, bid farewell to other friends who are emigrating from Sweden to U. S. A., about 1905.



Emigration means separation from family and friends. This modern day of easy travel and family reunions could easily forget the heartaches of those who had little hope of seeing their Loved Ones again, once they bade them farewell.

From old letters, letters written seventy and more years ago, we have culled statements such as,

“Do you ever see our son? It is two years since we heard from him and we don’t know if he is alive or dead.”

“I must write and tell you that our dear father has passed on to his heavenly home. He longed for your return and hoped to the last that you would come. We understand that even in America it is not easy to earn enough for traveling such a distance.”

“My mother has now completed her earthly course. She pleaded with me often toward the last that I must write often to you cousins in America lest we drift apart, and forget our kinship.”

As we honor the pioneers who came to America we remember also those who surrendered them to America, but themselves stayed at home. To their descendants, separated from us by an ocean, in the bond of kinship, Greetings!

PIONEER WOMEN

By Mary Elizabeth Counselman

Gran rode beside her man and hummed a song,
Timing it to the clop of horses' feet,
The creak of wagon wheels the whole day long,
Tensed for the Indians they were apt to meet,
Bone-tired of traveling, sick with fear of pain
Of childbirth in a moving wagon train. . . .

Mother sat primly by her wedded spouse,
Dusting the cinders from her gloves, once white,
Smiling and chattering of the little house
They'd own someday when he was started right
In this new town, and thinking: *I could sew
Nights, maybe. People wouldn't have to know. . . .*

Granddaughter leaned against her tired young vet,
Making scat-rhythms of the rumbling bus,
Listing the jobs that, maybe, she could get
While he went back to law school—mutinous
At living in a trailer on the day
There would be three of them to make their way. . . .

And each one thought, in fierce parenthesis:
My daughter will not go through all of this!

PREFACE

"Absentees adsunt," Latin words meaning "the absent are present" appear in a floor slab of an old English church. They were placed there as a reminder that no matter what our accomplishments are today, much that we have and enjoy comes from those who have lived before us.

"He who is not proud of his ancestry will never leave anything for which his posterity may be proud of him," said the wise English statesman, Edmund Burke. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you," is the first commandment with promise. (Eph. 6:2) Friends may come and go, but "blood is thicker than water."

It has been our aim, not only to gain an insight into our past, but to become better acquainted with each other in the present. Gathering material for this book has led the editor to satisfaction in contacts with previously unknown second cousins, whose parents we had known and loved through old letters, and in deeper appreciation of a great common heritage which is ours. We hope that these pages may do the same for our kinfolk who read them.

The material gathered and included in this volume is not intended for the general public. Should any private copies come into the possession of persons outside the relationship, it is requested that they be returned to someone in the family. Copies will be placed in one or two genealogical libraries in the hope that contacts may be made with kinfolk whom we have been unable to trace to date. If the editor's Svea address becomes obsolete in the future, it should be possible to reach us or other members of the family at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, by checking Lutheran clergy address lists for A. B. Pearson or A. B. Walfrid, or through the publisher of this book.

Because of the limited circulation of any family book, such could not be produced without donated labor and financial assistance in addition to the per copy price. It is hoped that those who have subsidized the project by "buying shares of stock" in our "family publishing company" will recover a part of their outlay as additional books are sold in the future. For that outlay which will not be recovered we can only say a sincere thank you.

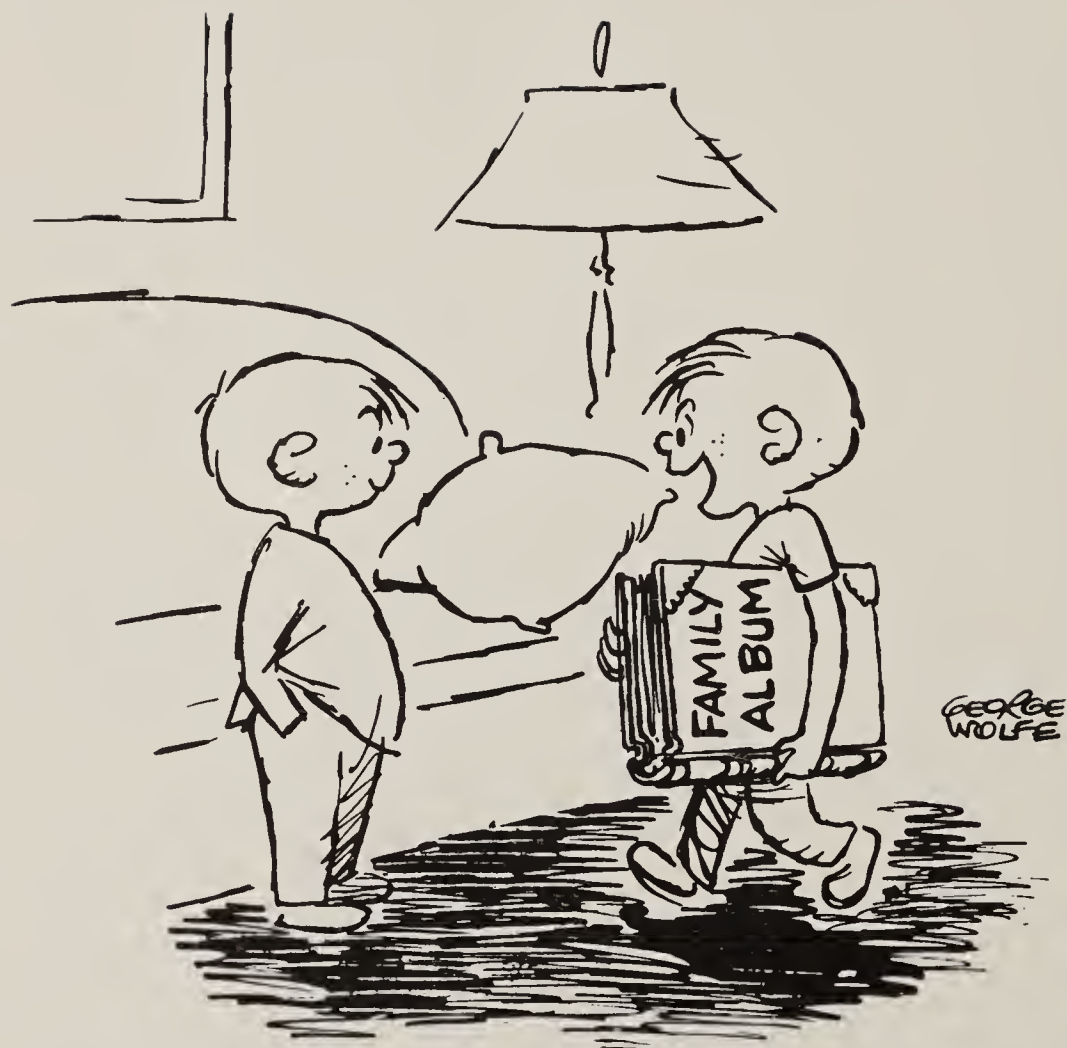
Our very special thanks go to L. G. Palmgren, president of THE HART PRESS, INC., without whom a printed book would have been absolutely impossible. Many will know Mr. Palmgren as a cousin of the John Nelsons.

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With love,
Hilma Pearson



"I threw away all my comic books when I found this!"

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THE NORDSTROM HERITAGE

One glance at the “Nordstrom Family Tree” will convince a person that this was sturdy stock of a strong strain of ancestry. Those “Swedish People” lived, for the most part, to ripe old ages; raised many children; were very industrious; were completely devoted to their families and home life; lived by Christian principles. Their influence has been and will long be felt. Swedish people, in general, do tend to be aggressive and sometimes boastful, but after all do have reason to sing praises of their people and country. With a strong feeling of national ties, these immigrants to America have yet easily and effectively integrated with American culture and contributed much toward the development of that culture.

It is interesting to note that all male Swedish children long ago took their father’s first name and attached “son.” This is of course the reason we find so many Nelsons, Andersons, Johnsons, Carlsons, etc. Daughters added “dotter”, meaning daughter, to their father’s given name during the same period.

Nils Nordstrom was known as Nils Nilsson until his entry into the army of Sweden as a career soldier. At that time he chose the name Nordstrom, also in keeping with a custom that soldiers take new names. This having taken place before his marriage, all Nils’ children were born “Nordstrom” rather than “Nilsson.” This then is the reason for the “Nordstrom Lineage.” —Elmer Magnell.

Are there artists among us who would like to represent the Nordstrom Heritage symbolically? The following could be added to characteristics mentioned above: consideration and concern for fellowmen and for all things created, thirst for knowledge and desire for a better life, thrift, honor, patriotism, love of beauty, musical talent and appreciation, and a good sense of humor. See Nils and Anna Nordstrom division page which portrays some of these qualities. Rifle and plow signify Nils’ dual occupation—soldier and farmer.

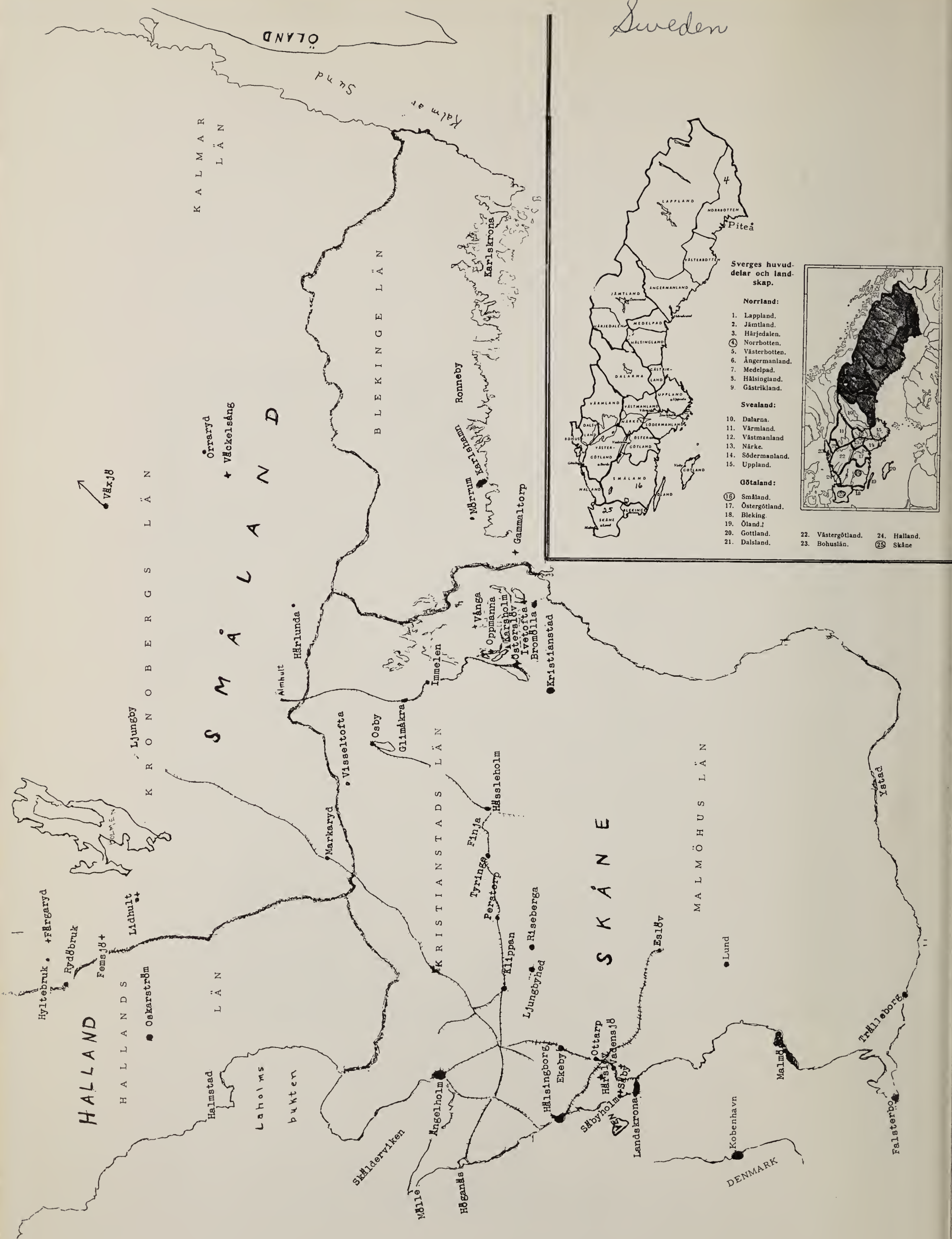
Family genealogists will be interested in knowing that we have secured some accurate information from old records in Sweden, principally Landsarkivet in Lund, at a cost of approximately \$30. Further research might reveal other facts of interest concerning even earlier generations. Should anyone be interested in doing research, in this country or abroad, please communicate with the editor of this book for starting tips. Any such research would involve Nordstrom kinfolk equally with Nordstrom descendents.



Ancestry



" . . . from generation to generation." Is. 34:17



V,1	2,	3, <u>Eventuellt</u> (Nils Olsson).	4, <u>Eventuellt</u> (Kerstena Olufsdotter).	5,	6,	7,	8,
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II,1, Åbon Jöns Hansson, gift 1788 12/5 med änkan Sissa Nilsdotter; död 1823 5/2 i kolik.	2, Sissa Nilsdotter, gift andra gången 1788 12/5 med åbon i Säby Jöns Hansson ; död 1822 9/4 i vattusot.	3, <u>Eventuellt</u> (Torparen Nils Pålsson i Säbyholm).	4, <u>Eventuellt</u> (Ingar Nilsdotter i Säbyholm).
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II,1, Pehr Jönsson född 1799 19/7 i Säby, gift 1828 27/3 med änkan Karna Nilsdotter; Bosatt å Säby nr 4 år 1860. <i>Karna's 1st husband was Pehr's brother, Hans. See p. 180</i>	2, Karna Nilsdotter född ? gift andra gången 1828 27/3 med åbon Pehr Jönsson ; Bosatt å Säby nr 4 år 1860.
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<u>Tabell 1.</u> <i>See p. 32</i>	

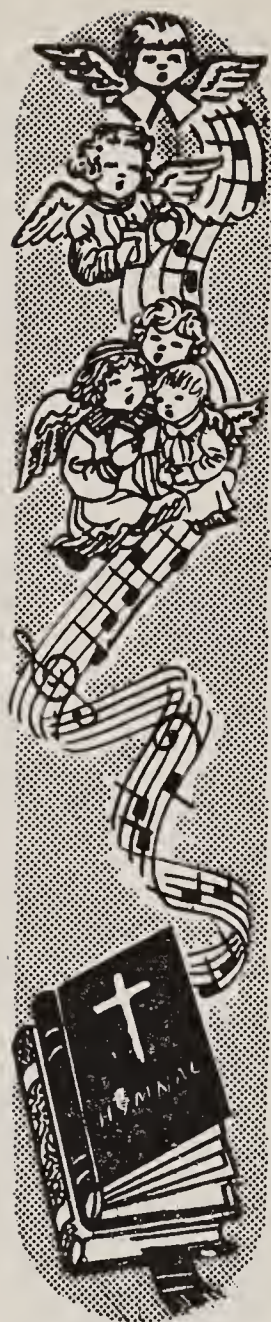
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II,1 Hemmansåboen Nils Carlsson född 1789 25/2 i Ottarp.	2, Kjersti Olsdotter
<i>See page 32</i>	

I,	Nils Nilsson, född 1834 28/2 i Ottarp.
<u>Preliminär släkttabell för Nils Nilsson.</u> <i>(Nordström)</i>	

All data this page from Landsarkivet.



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87, 87, 887.

THE little while I linger here,
Should fear and sorrow fret me?
No; Jesus is my Shepherd dear,
He never will forget me.
He gave His life His flock to save,
His Spirit and His Word He gave.
With these He's ever with us.

- 2 I hear Him speak, I know His voice,
I go where'er He beckons.
His own He knows, they are His choice,
Their numbers, too, He reckons.
And He will seek the straying sheep,
The feeble in His bosom keep,
And gently raise the fallen.
- 3 He strengthens me with living bread,
With waters sweet and gracious,
Which flow from life's great Fountainhead,
With peace and joy most precious.
Though rough and thorny is my way,
If from His path I do not stray,
I shall not be forsaken.
- 4 How vain the worldling's pomp and show,
How brief His joys and pleasures!
The night approaches now, and lo!
We leave all earthly treasures.
Then, what are all things here below
To Jesus' promise, "Where I go,
I will receive you also."

FRANS MIKAEL FRANZÉN, 1814.

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C. M.

AGAIN Thy glorious sun doth rise,
I praise Thee, O my Lord;
With courage, strength, and hope renewed,
I touch the joyful chord.

- 2 On good and evil, Lord, Thy sun
Is rising as on me;
Let me in patience and in love
Seek thus to be like Thee.
- 3 May I in virtue and in faith,
And with Thy gifts content,
Rejoice beneath Thy covering wings,
Each day in mercy sent.
- 4 Safe with Thy counsel in my work,
Thee, Lord, I'll keep in view,
And feel that still Thy bounteous grace
Is every morning new.

JOHAN OLOF WALLIN, 1816.

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L. M.

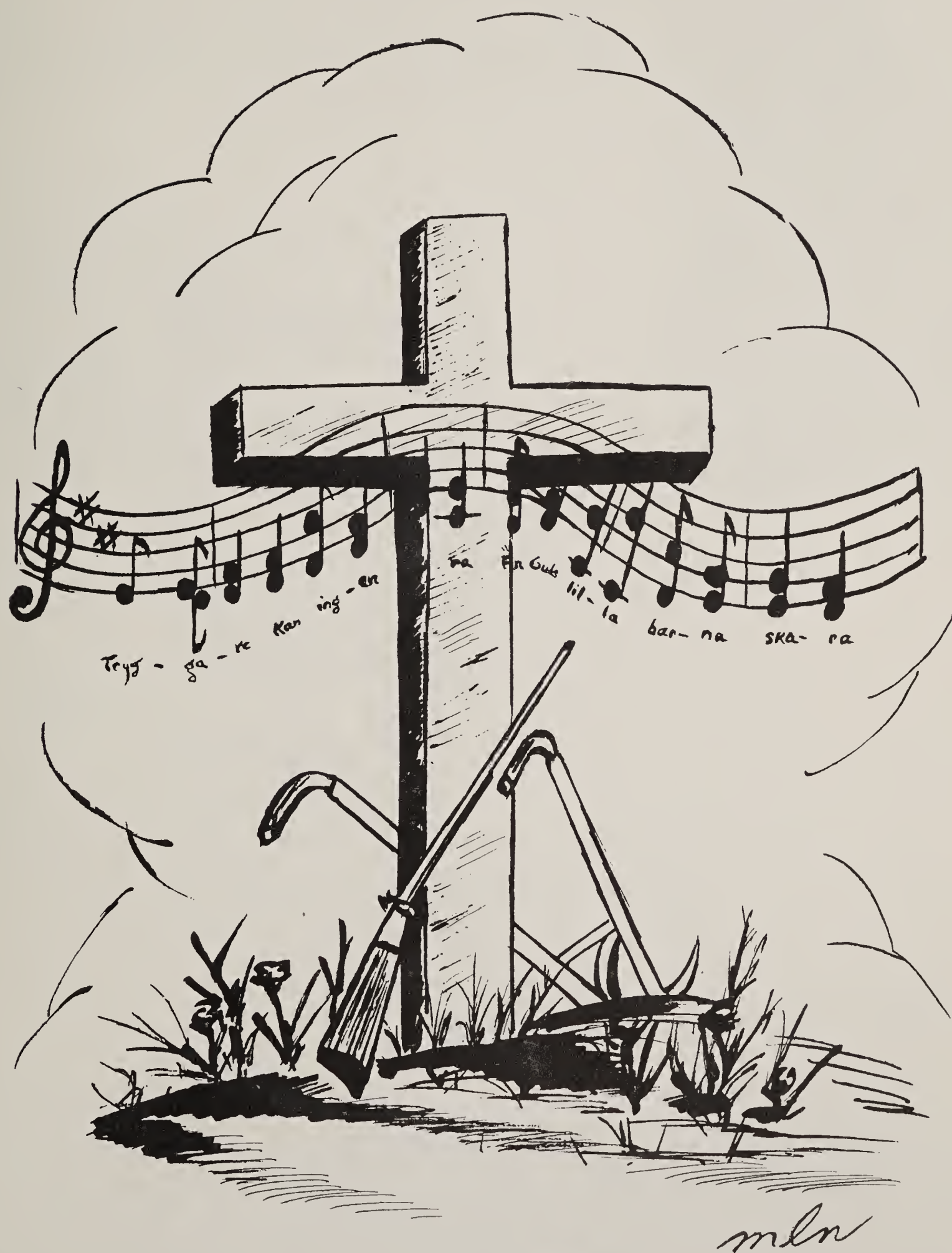
THE day departs, yet Thou art near;
With Thee at hand, we have no fear.
By night Thine eyes their vigil keep,
When our faint eyes are closed in sleep.

- 2 We rest beneath Thy mighty hand,
Protector of our home and land.
To guard Thy children's peaceful rest,
Around them stand Thine angels blest.
- 3 They sweetly sleep who fear the Lord
And walk obedient to His Word;
They wake again in joyous mood
To praise the Lord, their Father good.

FRANS MIKAEL FRANZÉN, 1847.

Above are some of the hymns, as translated in the 1925 Augustana Lutheran Hymnal, sung during daily family worship in the Nils Nordstrom home. Olof told Judith that his father sang 457, to tune 611 in same hymnal, every day without fail. 545 was sung every morning in the Swedish army, following the praying of the Lord's prayer in unison. All this, a part of the "Nordstrom Heritage."

Nils and Anna Nordstrom





Nils Nilsson Nordstrom was six feet tall, straight as a spear, maintaining good posture whether walking, standing or sitting. He had warm brown, curly hair and smiling blue eyes.

He was a singing man, with a sense of humor; kind, considerate of his wife and children, honest, thrifty and God-fearing. He wanted his family to be well dressed, but not so clothes-conscious that it might lead to pride, recalling that "pride goeth before fall."

Daily, following the evening meal, he gathered his family for worship, reading selected Scripture passages, leading in memorized prayers from "Svenska Psalmboken" and in the singing of two or three prayer and praise hymns.



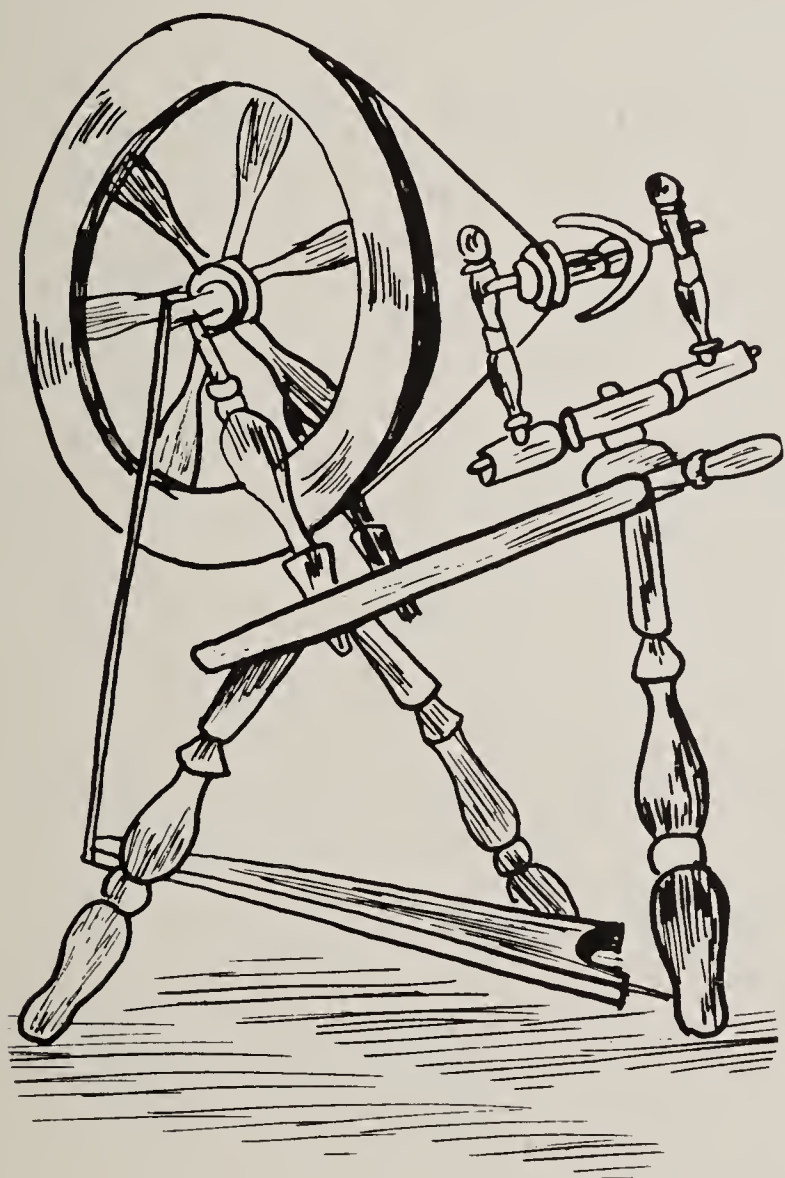
Grandchildren formed their mental images of Nils and Anna Nordstrom largely from charcoal art, reproduced below. These were made from picture above (photographed in Landskrona, Sweden, about 1895), in 1898-99, by a Minneapolis art studio whose traveling salesmen convinced many sons and daughters that it was proper and desirable to grace parlors with large framed pictures of parents and grandparents. Credit for double picture goes to Nels and for the individual pictures to Mathilda.



Anna Persdotter Nordstrom was rather short of stature, had brown hair and hazel eyes. She was kind, very kind. Most of her time was spent at home, working hard to prepare food and clothing for her family.

She was a church-going, God-fearing Christian, having great reverence for all things holy; always conscious of the presence of God, a just and holy God who tolerated no sin, but also a kind Father and loving Saviour ready and able to protect and help His children at all times. She taught her children to honor God and respect elders.

Hers was a happy home. At least it was happy until her children began leaving for far-away America. Eventually she had to follow.



Shown above is what still remains of Nils and Anna's familiar wall clock.

Härslövs church shown below is that wherein the Nordstroms worshipped while in Sweden. All of Nils and Anna's children were baptized and confirmed there.



Honorable discharge paper reproduced on opposite page shows that Nils Nordstrom served as soldier in the Swedish army from February 9, 1855, until March 26, 1885, and that his name had been changed from Nilsson to Nordström upon entry. The inserted word "utmärkt" near center left, indicates that he served exceedingly well.

It seems that the pension (literally, support) promised in the last section would have been adequate for living in Sweden, but due to an unfavorable rate of exchange, became less in America.

We leave the fun of detailed translation to Swedish students in the family, but, perchance some may encounter difficulty with the script, we copy here:

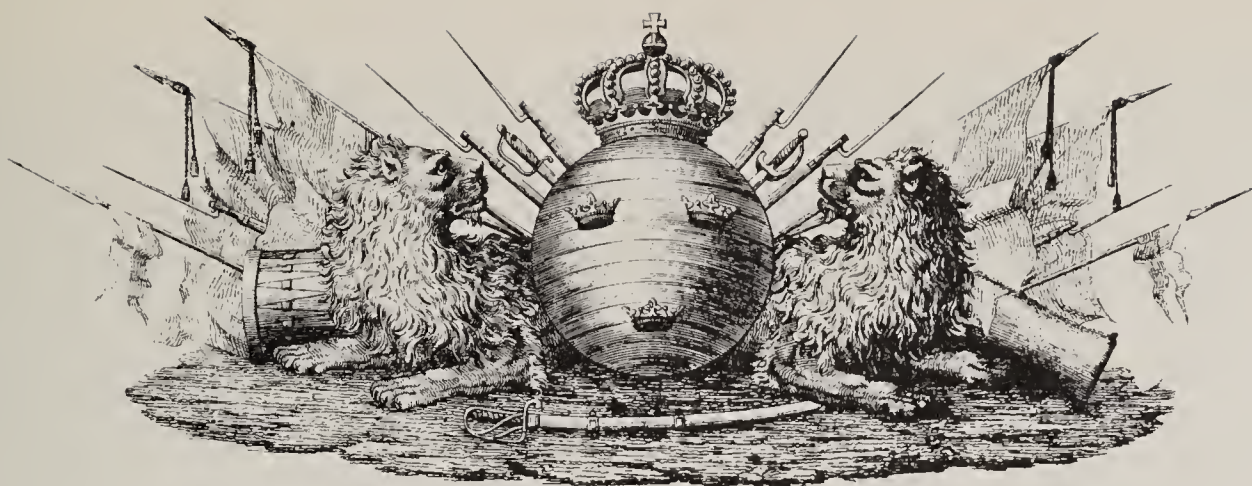
Alldenstund vid nu förrättad Generalmönstring med *Rönnebergs kompani* af *Kungl. Norra Skånska Infanteri Regamentet Soldaten* för orten No. 79 i *Herslöfs Socken* af *Malmöhus Län* *Nils Nordström*, före antagandet i Krigstjenst benämnd *Nils Nilsson*, hvilken är född den 28 Februari 1834 i *Ottarps Socken* af *Malmöhus Län* och tjent vid *regamentet* sedan den 9 Februari 1855 samt forut vid år, i anseende till *ålder och sjuk-lighet* nu kommer, såsom oförmögen till vidare krigstjenst, att derifrån afgå, fördenskull afskedas han *Nils Nordström* härmedelst från *regamentet* och krigstjensten med det vitnesbörd, att han dervid sig troget och väl utmärkt skickat samt *erhållit interims afsked* den 26 Mars detta år

Och emedan han sålunda, jemlikt stadganderna i Kongl. Maj'ts för Wadstena Krigsmanshus utfärdade Nådiga Författningar, är till underhåll *genast* af berörde Inrättning berättigad, thy varder han till en sådan förmons åtnjutande härigenom anmäld, hvilket vederbörande till efterrättelse länders. Generalmönstringsplatsen *Ljungbyhed* den 22 Juni 1885

(signature)
General Mönsterherre.

(signature)
General Mönstrings Commissarie.

Afskedspass med anmälan till underhall för *Soldaten Nils Nordström*



Älderskund, vid nu förrättad Generalmönstring med Rådherrers
kampani af Kongl. N:o 1 Skänkska Infanteri Regementets
Söldaterna för afdelning N:o 79 i Herslöfs Loken af
Malmöhus Lin. Hils Nordström, före antagandet
i krigstjänst benämnd Hils Nilsgren, hvilken är
född den 28 Februari 1834 i Örebro Loken af
Skallenåker Lin och tjent vid regementet sedan den
9 Januari 1858 samt förut vid
är, i anseende till ålder och fysik,
lyfter

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General Mönstrings Commissarie

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NILS and ANNA NORDSTRÖM

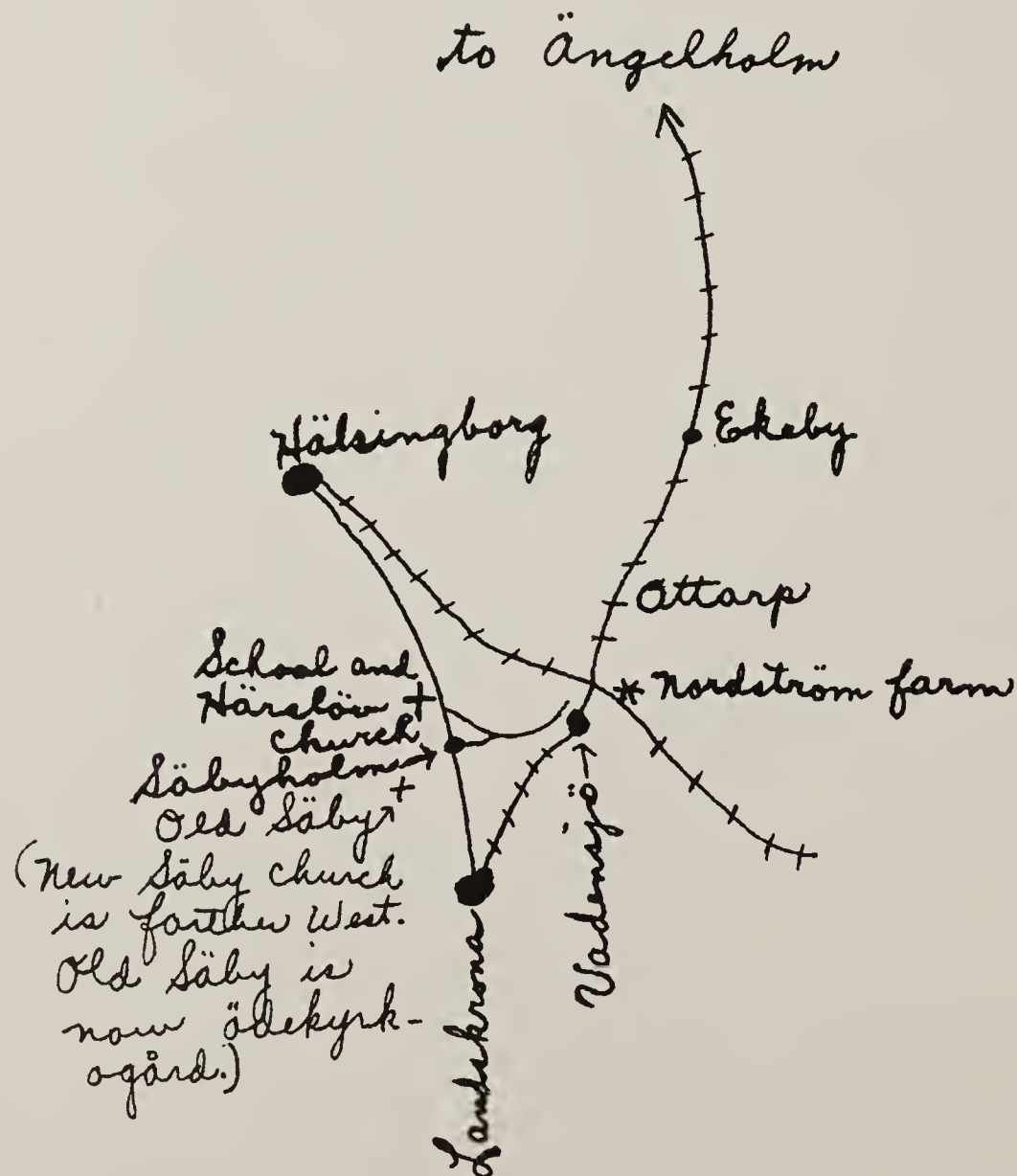
Nils Nilsson was seventh of the eight children of Nils and Kersti (Olsdotter) Karlsson. His youngest brother having died in infancy, Nils was the youngest of the living children. Descendents who wish to visit his birth place and/or learn more of his parentage are referred to the "Ancestry" and "Related Families" divisions in this family history.

Nils was born 1834 28/2 near Gluggstorp by (inland village) in Ottarp parish, in Skåne, Sweden. He became a soldier in the standing army of Sweden in 1855, at which time his name was changed to Nordström. He married Anna Persdotter from a neighboring parish, Säby.

Information received from the archives in Lund show Anna's surname as spelled Pehrsgdotter, indicating this as earliest spelling. However, churches to which members of the family moved all show this name spelled without the "h". We are therefore using the simpler spelling, but call attention to the other.

Anna Persdotter was born 1836 16/5, the fifth of nine children of Per (or Pehr) Jönsson and his wife Karna Nilsdotter. Descendents who would like to visit her birth place should keep in mind the address "Säby nr 4 i Säby församling."

Nils and Anna were married November 2, 1862. Nils Nordström is listed in church records of Härslöv parish as "soldier and home owner." The sketch reproduced here was made by Mathilda Nordstrom Johnson as a guide to descendents who wish to visit the former Nordström home, a 16 "tunnland" acreage (about 20 American acres). The house in which they lived was replaced with another, by the Frid family who bought the farm from Nordströms.





The Hälsingborg railroad ran through a portion of the Nordström farm. Mathilda says, "We lived just before the highway crossed the railroad. Two railroads crossed on neighbor Lage's land north of our place. The one went north to Engelholm; the other, west to Hälsingborg." The address of the Nordström home was "Arrarp 2, Härslöv församling (parish), Vadensjö, Sweden." There was no postoffice in Härslöv parish; mail reached there through Vadensjö, as it still does. We might mention here that earliest records seem to use the spelling Herslöv whereas most later records and maps use the spelling Härslöv.

Visitors might do well to call at the church office, "Pastorsämbetet in Härslöv och Säby, Adr. Vadensjö, Sweden." Anton Bengtson further advises visitors, "Take the Landskrona-Lund railroad to Härslöv."

The Nordström home was approximately two Swedish (14 English) miles from Nils' brother, Jöns, (Hannah Utzig's father) at Ekeby; two Swedish miles from their brother Carl, at Hälsingborg; one Swedish mile from Landskrona; and about the same from Anna's parental home in Säby.

Children born to Nils and Anna Nordström were:

Emma born	1864	2/6	died 1864	5/6 (premature)
Nils	1865	27/3	left for America	1887 18/12
Axel	1867	14/3	left for America	1887 18/12
Elina	1869	16/11	left for America	1888
Olof	1871	15/11	left for America	1888
Carl	1874	8/4	died 1874	28/4 (We have been told that he died from whooping cough, but this has not been verified through church records)
Mathilda	1876	11/1	left for America	1892 11/3
Kristina	1878	3/7	left for America	1897 21/5
Karl	1880	13/5	died 1883	28/11 (typhoid fever)
Beata	1882	6/10	left for America	1897 21/5

It should be noted that the Swedish order of numbers for dates is generally: year, day, month. Occasionally the year is given last, but the day always precedes the month.



Saby church

When asked about some of the place names in the area of her Swedish home, Mathilda explained, "Säbyholm was a *herregård* not a parish. There was a factory in Säbyholm, where sugar was made from sugar beets. Säby, Herslöv and Ottarp were parishes.

"When I was in Sweden the retired pastor lived at Lund but the *prästgård* at Herslöv still had to stand in readiness in case he should want to be there. The Säbyholm *herregård* had a lot of buildings; the owners let the active pastor and his family live there free. The older pastor was Hjelmkvist, an emotional person who often cried when he spoke. The younger, active, pastor was Werner. He had a large family. We walked to Säbyholm, where he lived, for confirmation instruction.

"The interior of our church at Herslöv was beautiful. The cemetery was also beautiful. Wealthy people had monuments. We didn't have one."

Finding Mathilda's recollections interesting, we continued questioning her on other topics.

How long was your school day? "From 8 A.M. until 3 P.M. I remember a couple of times when it was cold and stormy our father came to the school with a team and sled and asked if his children could be dismissed. Of course they could, and so we had a ride home early."

How far did you have to walk other days? "It was approximately three English miles around on the *landtväg* (highway). We could shorten it to two miles by walking part way on the railroad tracks and then cutting through on a path between father's farm and a neighbor's. Some old men lived there and came out and yelled at the children that they must walk around on the highway. '*Der e ingen väg här. Ni får gå där borte på landtvägen.*' The frightened children usually walked the long way around. If trains came by when children walked along the tracks the engineer whistled at them to chastize them for being there."

What kind of lights did you use in the evenings? "Kerosene lamps like we had the first years in America."

What did you do after school? "Sometimes there were chores with which we helped. All children studied their assigned memory work by reciting it out loud at home. After supper Father conducted family worship services. It consisted of Bible reading, prayer and the singing of Christian hymns. Everyone sang, with Father as leader."

What foods did you have? "We raised our own vegetables which we ate fresh, in season, or preserved. We cured our own meat, and had eggs, milk, bread and butter. Fruits were often preserved by drying."

How often did you wash clothes? "Usually once a week." What equipment did you have? "Large tubs, washboard and boiler."

Did you have flowers? "Yes, we had beautiful flowers and many of them. Our parents appreciated beauty. Mother was a careful housekeeper. For one thing, I remember that she always washed out the kettles before she sat down to eat a meal. We used many creamed foods and those kettles were easier to wash before they dried."

Did you do hand sewing at home? "Yes, we spun wool into yarn, flax into thread, wove wool and linen cloth, knit, crocheted, embroidered and sewed. The Swedish women of the time were taught to do beautiful work. Whatever was done was done carefully and well."

Did you use cotton cloth also? "Yes, we made our summer clothing from cotton. We bought that cloth ready-woven."

Did you raise the flax for your linen? "Yes."

How did you harvest your grain? "It was cut with a hand sickle as it became ripe, and spread out in *loogen* (a large building with a good, wood floor). When all was gathered, father started threshing with a flail and kept at it all winter long."

What other buildings did you have on the farm? "Besides the house and *loogen* we had a stable where all the livestock was kept in the winter."

Did you have pastures for the livestock in summer? "No, the animals were tied outdoors and the family helped move them about as needed. You know we had just a small farm. My father was also a soldier."

What livestock did you have? "Always three or four cows. We fattened one calf each year and butchered as baby beef. Other calves were sold when small."

Did you sell milk? "Yes, a milk collector for the local creamery picked up and returned milk cans to the road at end of lane, about the distance of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an American city block. Sometimes we sold some butter at *torget* (Farmers' Market).

"We kept 8 to 12 hens; used the eggs; raised some chickens for food."

"We kept from 3 to 5 sheep; made yarn; wove cloth, knit hose and sweaters."

Did you have any pigs? "Yes, we bought a couple of little pigs in the spring and used them for food in the fall and winter." Did you stake them out like other animals? "Yes. We used to be amused at Beata when she was little because she would pull the little pigs' curly tails and say, 'You must learn to hold your tail straight'."

How many horses did you have? "At first we had only one, Maja (pronounced My'-yah). When she became older Father bought another, younger horse to spare Maja who was almost like one of the family."

Were your buggy and wagon two wheel carts or did they have four wheels? "They had four wheels."



Did you ever get any spending money? "Not much. Once Father gave Beata a coin to help her forget when Maja stepped on her toe."

Did you get an allowance? "No, but we got the things we really needed. We were taught to live within our means. If the younger children wanted extras beyond what the family could afford they could earn money by working in neighbors' gardens or herding livestock."

When were children expected to support themselves? "Usually, after completing elementary schooling, which corresponded to the first eight grades in America, and having been confirmed, children "worked out" (outside of the home) full time to support themselves. Some worked away from home during the summer vacations, longer than nowadays, to help buy their own clothing.

What kind of school supplies did you have? "We had books and slates. We each had a rabbit foot to erase our slates. Father used to let men hunt rabbits on our land and these hunters would give us children rabbit feet. Sometimes we would have extras to share with others who did some favor for us."

Shown here is a black and white reproduction of a full color frontispiece found in an old Swedish reader, used at the time the Nordströms attended school in Sweden.



Left: from *Nytt Barnbibliotek*, 1878.
Right: Maja, sketch by Ardys.



Because the Nordstrom home was on the main road to the church and the cemetery, the children saw many funerals and also people bringing flowers for graves. As a result, the three youngest girls sometimes played funeral; burying their dolls, crying a little, and placing flowers on the little mounds. Shortly thereafter they dug up their dolls and used them for other games. In 1958, at the age of 82, Mathilda still remembered that the names of her dolls were: Hedwig, Tilda, Nancy, Jeanette, Rosa, Girlie, Ernestine, Justine, Isadora and Signe. Most of these dolls were homemade; loved and enjoyed.

Because the Nordströms lived closest to the place where the highway crossed the railroad tracks, they were hired at 8 *kroner* per month to close and open gates to control traffic at train time. Father was usually busy in the army or with farm work, so Mother and children took care of that chore. While they waited for trains they often read from a well-worn *psalmbok* left in the little shelter by the crossing. Thus they memorized many of their favorite psalms and used them for prayers for years to come.

The Nordstrom family have memories of a very happy home. There were not many luxuries but there was an atmosphere of contentment and much joyful singing. Father Nordstrom sang when he was happy and he sang when times were troublesome. Daughter Mathilda remembers him as a pleasant, witty person. She felt that her parents were wise and considerate disciplinarians, sharing responsibility for the children's training. Christine could remember seeing her father angry only once in all the years that she knew him. He retired from the army at age 51, after 30 years service.

Those were times of great activity on the part of steamship agents who pictured the opportunities in America as even more golden than they really were. It is true that there was cheap land and hope of owning a home under a free enterprise system, but living conditions were generally more primitive than they were in Sweden. Had the emigrants foreseen the improved conditions soon after their exodus, some might have stayed. But they did want to own a place of their own, and America was the land of that opportunity. Thus "America fever" spread throughout Sweden.

In the course of time, Nils Jr. and Axel Nordström were smitten by this America fever. They wrote to their father's sister, Hanna, who lived near Walnut Grove, Minnesota. She promised them temporary shelter and assistance in securing employment, also telling about the opportunities to buy cheap land.

Nils and Anna had seen other young people leave for America never to visit their parents again, and they were loathe to let their own sons go so far away. Had they had the means to help them establish themselves in native Sweden they would have done so. But these were difficult times for the peasants and it seemed wise to permit young people to seek a better life in America. Because Anna was not given to much speech nor show, her children may not have realized how her heart, and that of her husband, bled at their departure. But, she knew that life would not be easy for her children, even in America, and was determined not to add to their burdens with a display of grief. It was a comfort that *Faster* (aunt) Hanna was in America. And so, in 1887, Nils (whose name became Nels) and Axel left for America.

The hurt of separation from their two sons did not really heal for Nils and Anna Nordström, but life had to go on; as it did in other homes. Younger children were growing up and had to seek employment outside the home. Elina, usually called Lena, and Olof had completed their schooling, been confirmed and gone out to work. Mathilda, Kristina and Beata were children at home, and life went on much as before, with Elina and Olof spending holidays and special free days at home. Before long, Olof too was smitten with "America fever" and pleaded for permission to sail. He was so young, only 17, that his parents didn't want him to go. Finally, it was agreed that he could leave if Lena wanted to go with him. She did, and then four of the Nordstroms were in America.





Time went on. Mathilda completed school and was confirmed. Knowing that before long she would have to go out to work, she faced the fact with dread, having heard that maids and hired men were often not well treated, sometimes even abused. But the summer following her confirmation was a happy time.

In the fall a woman tailor was engaged to make new dresses for the three daughters, Mathilda, Kristina and Beata. These dresses, of course home-woven wool fabric, were made with ample yardage, according to the style of the day. The girls and their parents were pleased with the results. Then came the decision to have pictures made for the children in America. The daughters, wearing their new dresses, were brought in the family buggy to the photographer in Landskrona. Mother stayed at home to take care of necessary duties while Father made the trip with the girls.

Who could know that this picture was to have such far reaching effects! It was sent to the children in America. The brothers who hadn't seen their sisters for five years were much pleased to see that Mathilda was now a young lady, not a child of 10, as they had last seen her. Axel had married the previous spring but Nels lived alone on the farm which he had purchased. As Nels looked at the picture of Mathilda he thought it would be pleasant to have her come and help him with some of the work and be company for him those days when farmers were more isolated than today.

When Nils and Anna received a letter from their son, Nels, suggesting that he would send Mathilda a ticket for passage to America, there was no rejoicing. Mathilda has said that she was not consulted in the matter but that Father sat down and wrote a reply which expressed the sentiments of himself and Mother, though actually did nothing more than avoid the issue. He stated that the approaching winter was not a good time for a fifteen year old to leave home alone, but that the matter might be weighed when spring came. The plan postponed a decision with the hope that something better would develop, so that there would be no need to part with another of their children.

The following February Nils Nordströms received a message that they should come to the Vadensjö station for a message from America. A load of coal was soon needed so Nils hitched the team to the wagon and drove into town for fuel and for the America message. Upon arrival home again he put the horses in the stable and came into the house announcing, sadly, "*Nu ska Mathilda resa till Amerika.* (Now Mathilda is to sail for America.)" Mother Nordström, unable to maintain her usual composure, sobbed audibly but said nothing. Mathilda was fearful at the thought of going so far from home, alone at that, but also saw in the plan a way of escape from necessity of going out to work in Sweden.

The question was never discussed in family council, but the answer was inevitable. Stoicly Nils and Anna began preparations for sending another of their children to far-away America. These brave parents concealed from their children as much as possible the sadness of parting that they felt. They were so busy with preparations that the full force of reality did not strike them

until Mathilda had sailed. She was never noisy and it could not be said that the home had suddenly become very quiet, except that their own activity of preparation for her sailing had ceased, but an overwhelming void engulfed the home for a time.

Kristina and Beata were growing into young womanhood and became busy with many things. Kristina, the older, became a beautiful young lady who would have been the center of social activities had she lived in an American city where such opportunities might have been available. Beata, four years younger, also had many friends and she too was becoming a beautiful Miss.



Gratulation
åt Flickan

Kristina Nordström.

på sin 18 års födelsedag den
3/7 1896.

I dag du fyllar år,
Du liksom blomman står
Vid solens skin hon fröjdar sig.
I dag du också fröjdar dig.

O må du njuta glada dagar,
Ock mången sällhet bli din lot,
Bryt blomman som dig helst
behagar. Men, akta dig för törnar
blott.

När dessa vers är i din hand,
Min helning dig har nått,
Göm versen som ett minne
bland de andra som du fått.

Nog vet jag hvad jag ville vara,
En liten blå förgät mig ej,
Fast stum jag skulle dock förbli,
Hur innerligt jag älskar dig.

Ett minne utaf glada stunder
Mitt namn jag tecknar här
inunder.

Hilda Svensson

Arrarya 1896

Both of the girls were intimate with Hilda Svensson, a close neighbor, whose parents were also friends of the Nordströms. It is interesting to note in correspondence between Hilda and Kristina, when the latter lived in America, that both of the girls were considering Kristina's return to Sweden, to be a guest at Hilda's home. We also recall Christine's (as she became known in America) saying many years later that leaving friends and familiar places for a new country with a strange language was a big price to pay for its advantages. It is difficult for modern Americans to understand the feeling of inadequacy and frustration of the immigrants who were often called "green-horns" and relegated to inferior places because they did not speak English, or at least not fluently. But we must return to our story of the four Nordstroms who were still in Sweden.

Father Nils did not seem to be recovering from his recent illness. Could it be his heart? Mother Anna was becoming more and more quiet. Then Maja, the beloved horse, died. With sweeping force the situation was described to Mathilda, "Far blev sjuk; Mathilda var gången; Maja dog."

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J. Oscar Reis, Göteborg, befullmäktigad utvandrare-agent, samt nedanstående utvandrare:

Jag, J. Oscar Reis, förbinder mig härmed att, på sätt här nedan närmare omförmäles, från Göteborg till Walnut Grove, Minn. Nord-Amerika beförtra nedan antecknade utvandrare mot en redan till fullo erlagd och härmed qvitterad afgift af Kr. 219 hvari jemväl inräknats de vid landning i Amerika förekommande afgifter af allmän beskaffenhet.

I, J. Oscar Reis, hereby undertake, upon the following terms, to forward from Gothenburg to Walnut Grove, Minn. in North America, the emigrant named below for the sum of Kronor, 219 which amount has been duly paid and includes all ordinary charges upon landing in America.

Resan sker från Göteborg den 26/5-97 med ångfartyg å mellandäcksplats till Hull eller Grimsby i England och derifrån, senast inom 48 timmar efter slutad tullexpedition med jernväg å 3:dje klass till Liverpool samt från Liverpool senast inom 12 dagar efter utvandrarens ankomst dit, med oceanångare å mellandäcksplats till Newyork eller Boston i Nord-Amerika. Från Newyork eller Boston beförtras utvandraren genast efter slutad tullexpedition och öfriga formaliteter med jernväg å 3:dje klass

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För ofvansagde afgift erhåller utvandraren, utan vidare ersättning, god och tillräcklig kost jemte vård från Göteborg till landstigningsplatsen i Amerika, logis under uppehållen i England samt befördran och vård af reseffekter till 10 Eng. kubikfots utrymme å ångfartyg och 150 Eng. skålp. vikt å jernväg. För barn mellan 1 och 12 år befördras reseffekter fritt endast till hälften af hvad nu sägts till Amerika, hvarest ingen fri befördran af reseffekter för barn under 5 år eger rum.

Utvandraren är berättigad att bekomma kontramärke å de effekter, som han ej sjelf har om hand,

och erhåller för desamma, som utgöra

kolly och äro märkta med N:o

ersättning till ett belopp af högst Kronor femtio för hvarje passagerare öfver 12 år, samt högst tjugofem kronor för barn mellan 1 och 12 år, derest effekterna icke vid landstigningsplatsen i Amerika riktigt utbekommas mot återlemnande af sagde kontramärke; dock lemnas ingen ersättning för effekterna om skada eller förlust förorsakas genom sjöolycka.

Skulle utvandraren vid ankomsten till den främmande världsdelen varda af vederbörande myndighet derstädes förbjuden att invandra och kan det icke ådagaläggas att detta förbud är föranlett af förhållanden, som inträffat efter det detta kontrakt upprättats, utfäster jag, J. Oscar Reis, mig att återgälda utvandraren betalning för bortresan samt på min bekostnad besörja utvandrarens återresa till Göteborg i Sverige tillika med underhåll till återkomsten samt befördrande af vård af medförda reseffekter.

Härjemte förbinder jag mig att, om sådant från utvandrarens sida påkallas, låta alla tvister om detta kontrakts tydning och utvandrarens rätt till ersättning för öfverträdelse af detsamma afgöras af fem, gode män, utaf hvilka utvandraren utser två, jag eller, i händelse jag tredskas, Konungens Befallningshafvande här i länet två och bemålde Konungens Befallningshafvande den femte.

Anser sig utvandraren ega anledning till klagan deröfver att han icke åtnjutit den rätt och de förmåner, som på grund af detta kontrakt bort honom tillkomma, bör anmälan derom göras hos vederbörande konsul, så fort omständigheterna medgifva.

Antages:

Nils Nordstrom

Utvandrarens namn.	Ålder.	Sednaste vistelaeort.
<u>Kristina Nordstrom</u>		<u>Walnut Grove, Minn.</u>

*Have - North Sweden
passage from Sweden
to America. This
sum of 219 Kronor.*

Göteborg den 26 Maj 1897

J. Oscar Reis.

Uppvisadt och godkändt såsom upprättadt i öfverensstämmelse med Kgl. Förordningen den 4 Juni 1884, och Kgl. Kungör. den 28 Sept. 1893, intygas,

Göteborg i Poliskammaren den 26/5 1897

E. J. J. J.

The journey takes place from Gothenburg the 26-1897 by steamer steerage passage to Hull or Grimsby in England and thence, within 48 hours after having passed the customs, to Liverpool by rail, 3rd class and from Liverpool within 12 days after arrival there, by Ocean steamer steerage passage, to New-York or Boston in North America. From New-York or Boston the Emigrant will be forwarded, immediately after having passed the customs and complied with other formalities, by rail 3rd class to Walnut Grove, Minn.

At the abovementioned fare the emigrant will be supplied with good and sufficient provisions and attendance from leaving Gothenburg until arrival at place of landing in America, lodging during the stay in England and conveyance and care of effects not exceeding 10 Eng. cubicfeet space by steamer and 150 Eng. lbs weight by railway. Effects of children between 1 and 12 years are carried free at the rate of half of what has been before stated for effects to America, where no free conveyance of effects of children under 5 years is allowed.

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a compensation not exceeding Kronor

50 pr adult, and not exceeding Kronor 25 for children between 1 and 12 years, in the event of non-delivery, of the effects on surrender of said check, upon arrival at place of landing in America, but no compensation will be allowed for loss or damage of effects caused by sea accident.

Should the emigrant on arrival in the foreign country be refused by the authorities to immigrate and, if it cannot be proved that this prohibition has been caused by circumstances come to pass after this contract was made out, I, J. Oscar Reis, do hereby agree to repay the emigrant for the passage and at my expense have him returned to Gothenburg, Sweden; likewise his maintenance until his return and forwarding and care of his baggage.

Likewise do I agree to, if so required by the emigrant, to let all controversies about this contract's explication and the emigrants justice of compensation for non-fulfillment of the same to be decided by five arbiters, of whom the emigrant appoints two, I, or in case I refuse, the Kings governor in this government two, and the before said governor the fifth.

If the emigrant has any reason for complaint of not being treated in accordance with the terms stipulated in this contract, a report thereof should be made to the nearest Consul as soon as circumstances admit.

Shown above is the emigrant contract (Utvandrare-Kontrakt) signed by Nils Nordstrom for his daughter Kristina's passage to America. He negotiated similar contracts for himself and wife, and for daughter Beata. These four were the last of the Nordstrom family to leave Sweden.

Läs detta noga före afresan från Göteborg!

Enligt Amerikanska Invandringslagen gällande från den 1 April 1893 äro följande klasser af främlingar nekade tillträde till Förenta staterna nemligen:

1:o) Personer som äro idioter eller sinnesrubbad. 2:o) Personer som lida af smittosamma sjukdomar. 3:o) Personer som enligt lag äro dömda för vanärande förbrytelser, vittnande om moraliskt förfall. Häre äro dock icke inberäknade åtalade politiska förseelser. 4:o) Personer som gilla månggifte. (Mormoner). 5:o) Personer som öfverenskommit om att utföra arbete i Förenta Staterna. 6:o) Personer som åtnjutit fattigvård, äro arbetsodugliga eller i så utblottadt tillstånd att om dem kan förutses att de vid framkomsten till bestämmelseorten falla det allmänna till last. I denna punkt äro äfven inbegripne: Aldrige män och kvinnor, föräldralösa barn, krymplingar eller vanskapta, ogift hafvande kvinna, ogift kvinna som medför oäkta barn, samt enkor hvilka medföra minderåriga barn; men dessa i tillägg till punkt 6:o uppräknade personer kunna dock få landstiga i Amerika om de inneha tillståndsbevis utfärdadt af vederbörande myndighet derstädes, hvilket bevis måste uppvisas å Cunardliniens kontor före afresan från Göteborg.

The farm was sold and the Nordströms moved, temporarily, to the home of Nils' oldest brother, Per Otterström, who had purchased the parental home in Ottarp's parish. Nils and Anna had enough money to buy a comfortable home, with some left over for emergencies. That plus Nils' army pension should be enough for living expenses. They spent that fall and winter looking about for a suitable home to buy. Perhaps they didn't really want to find a place. Toward spring Anna said to her husband, "*Vi reser te Amerika.* (Let's sail to America)." Letters were written to Nels and Axel, asking their opinion. They suggested that their folks come and build a house on Axel's farm. Father Nils wrote back asking the boys to have the house built, or at least started, at once and he would pay them upon arrival.

Passage was secured earlier than anticipated and Nils, Anna, Kristina and Beata (who became Bertha in America) bade farewell to their native land, leaving there May 21, 1897. Because all transportation arrangements were made in Sweden, the American steamship offices did not notify anyone at Walnut Grove as to exact date of their folks' arrival there, as requested. When the Nordstrom family arrived there was no one at the station to meet them. The station agent could speak some Swedish and told them that he had seen a man in town that day who would be going past Axel's place on his way home and would be glad to take the family along out there.

"Is he a reliable man?" inquired Nils. "Oh, indeed. He is a church man."

That he was. In fact, he was a "leading man" who came early and took his position at the aisle end of the pew, letting others pass in front of him to take less desirable seats toward the wall.

It was a disappointment to Nils and Anna that their house had not been built, nor started, when they arrived. Arrangements had been made with a jack-of-all-trades farmer in the area and he had promised for some time that he would at least lay the foundation before he became too busy with field work. But, the man was in great demand because he could do so many things, and because he worked for very little, so everyone had to wait for him. In the meantime Nils and Anna Nordstrom had to live with their son, Axel, and family. This was difficult for all concerned because of the crowded conditions in a very small house. It was agreed that the elder Nordstroms should supply money for the weekly groceries which had to be purchased for all, in return for living quarters. Nils thought his young daughter-in-law did right well in that she was able to buy well and manage to get along without spending all of the cash which he gave her, thus salting away a little for personal use. Anna was not so sure that this was in the bargain, and wondered if the change ought not to be returned to them. The more light-hearted Nils assured his wife that this temporary system was best for all concerned. This little problem which was passed down in a humorous vein to a later generation, shows something about the personality of Grandpa, as he was called now that he had grandchildren.

That fall the house was completed and it was a rather comfortable house, larger than that in which their son, Axel, and his family lived. A letter from Esther Morrison asks, "Do you have information about that old house on the Nordstrom home place? My mother has told about that beautiful bed with the curtains and medicine chest. They also had benches nailed all along the wall of the kitchen, which mother said was the custom in the olden days." We are glad that we do have an exterior picture of this house. It was made after Axel purchased it from his mother and added another section. However the smaller portion, with porch, is as originally built. It had three rooms. Size was approximately 16 or 18 by 26 feet.

The delays experienced in building this house gave rise to a saying which continues to this day among some of the Nordstroms, namely, "*Ja kommer på Måndag.*" (I'll come Monday.)



The Bertha history tells her reaction upon meeting members of the family who had left for this country when she was a child. Mathilda thought that her parents had aged a great deal during the five years since she had left Sweden. It seemed to all that they had to practically become acquainted anew. That was certainly true of Christine and Bertha, who had changed from children to young ladies during those years. Both began "working out" upon arrival.

Nils and Anna spent three happy years together, with their children close at hand and visiting them whenever possible, after their arrival in America. Nils did no field work but he assisted Axel with some light chores now and then. When it was time for Axel to come in from the fields his father would sit by the window and watch for him so that he could go out and help him with the horses. On the twenty-third of March, 1900, without any indication of ill health, he had seen Axel come home and had gone out to help him. He unhooked a tug, and reached up to fasten it into position, when he felt a sharp pain. Axel had already begun to lose his hearing and did not hear if his father said something, but he did see him put his hands over the heart region and then drop to the ground. Axel carried him to the house, unconscious or already departed. Dr. Remington was fetched from Walnut Grove. Cause of death was listed as heart disease. A noble man, respected by all who knew him, had passed from time to eternity, leaving a good name, a good heritage. His earthly remains were buried in the Swedish Lutheran cemetery north of Walnut Grove, where the monument pictured here can be seen. He and his family had affiliated with this church at once upon their arrival, and they continued faithful members of the church, true to their Lord and Saviour.



The unmarried Nordstroms in January, 1900, were, back: Christine, Bertha; front: Olof, Mathilda.



Olof, Christine and Bertha took turns staying with their mother for a while. When it became impossible for her to be alone between the times that her children could be home she sold the house to Axel and went to live with Mathilda and Carl. She stayed there a few years, but their house was small and became increasingly crowded with the children and hired help, so when the Magnells had completed the building of an addition to their home, Peter drove down to Johnsons and brought Grandmother Nordstrom and her personal effects to his and Christine's home, where she spent a longer time. At a time when Christine became ill and unable to care for her Mother, who by that time was in a weakened condition and had to be confined to bed most of the time, Nels and Anna opened their home to his mother. Here she remained the last six months of her life, passing away in 1913, the day which had always been celebrated as her birthday (there is some discrepancy in records), May 17. She had been gradually failing, losing strength. Immediate cause of death was listed as contusions of back by fall to floor.

In reply to our question about Anna Nordstrom, Joe Magnell writes, "I can not give you much information about Grandma Nordstrom as I was pretty young also. I remembered she stayed with us and she would knit stockings for all of us. She was a peaceful, God loving woman. I remember I used to read a prayer out of the Psalm book for her every evening."

GRANDMOTHER NORDSTROM lived with us the last six months of her life. She had had a comfortable home with Aunt Christine for many years. But now Aunt Christine was ill so it was necessary for Grandmother to move. Uncle Magnell hitched up his team of horses and brought her to our house, a distance of about nine miles.

She preferred to spend much of her time in bed because of weakness and illness but she could and did get in and out of bed by herself. She was ever so kind and considerate of all of us all the time. Of her, mother has often since then said, "She never complained."

Grandmother did not wear glasses so I offered to read to her each day from her Swedish Psalm book.

As she lay in bed I sat by her bed side and read the old fashioned script type. At first, it was difficult but soon I could read it fluently. I loved reading to her. Always she was gay and cheerful and never failed to praise me on how well I could read Swedish at the age of only eleven.

Her room was on the north west side of the house off the kitchen. I slept on a folding cot in the kitchen near her door. At that time the house was virtually unprotected, since trees in the surrounding grove were still small. Her room was unheated except from the kitchen range. She wore a kerchief at night to protect her head. Under it her still round face was like a slightly withered rosy winter apple.

Mother would heat a couple of sad irons on the range, wrap them in towels and place them at grandmother's feet.

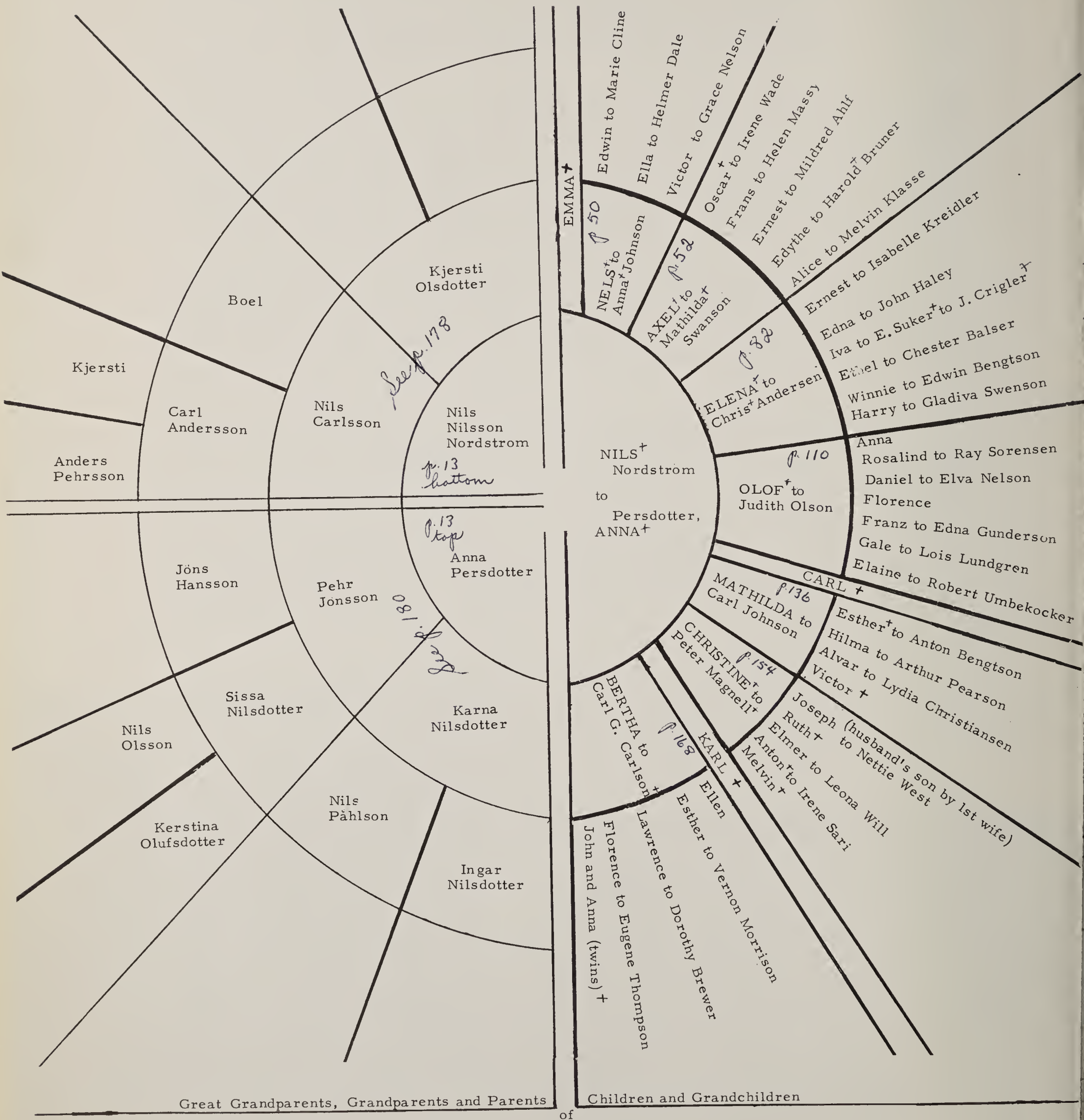
Each evening the range was stoked with coal. Toward morning the fire would be out. Young and old alike shivered in the pre dawn darkness as the chill winds buffeted the house.

We did not have electricity nor even own a flashlight. Now and then I would hear grandmother get up in the night for a drink of water. She helped herself in the darkness and then went back to bed.

I can honestly say that grandmother Nordstrom was one of the bravest, sweetest women I have ever known.

—Ella Nordstrom Dale

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NILS and ANNA NORDSTROM

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Nels



Nils Nordström

NELS

When, on March 27, 1865, Anna Nordström, Fru Nils Nordström, gave birth to her first son at their home at Arrarp in Härslöv församling, near Vadensjö station, love for her husband and great happiness in their home together constrained her to express this love and happiness by giving their son his father's name, Nils.

Nils, Jr., grew up as an average child of his time, with the world at first limited to his home, with parents and younger brothers and sisters. Christian worship in the home and in the church, was an early and important experience. Life on a small farm, with father planting, cultivating, harvesting and threshing (with a flail) the wheat, oats and barley, and mother and children assisting in the care of cows, horses, pigs, chickens and the large vegetable and flower gardens, molded early memories.

Nils enjoyed visiting his paternal relatives who lived nearby. A rare treat was a trip to the maternal grandparents at Säby or to Landskrona. Sometimes he would accompany his father in the horsedrawn wagon to Vadensjö to get a load of coal for fuel or the few food items, such as coffee and sugar, which were not produced on their farm.

When father, who was a soldier in the standing army of Sweden, had to be away to help train men under Sweden's universal military training law, young Nils had increasingly greater responsibilities at home. As the family grew in numbers there was more work to do, but the older children were also able to help more. The task of closing the guard gates where the highway crossed the railroad tracks near the Nordström home, at first the responsibility of Nils and his brother Axel, was given over to younger brother and sisters.

Nils, like other children of his time, attended school from November 1 until April 1, from age 6 through age 14. During the last year of his schooling, concluded with confirmation services at the church, the Christianity part of the curriculum was extended and intensified, with emphasis on memorization of the catechism, selected passages of Scripture and a number of psalms which had previously become familiar through frequent singing in school, at regular Sunday worship services at church, attended by old and young, and in the home.

As soon as Nils was old enough, he worked as herd boy during summer months, when school was not in session. After confirmation he worked for small farmers in the neighborhood. Then he stayed at the places where he worked and came home for short visits only, at Christmas time and on other special occasions. He spent six weeks during each of two years in the army of Sweden, the extent of universal military training obligations at that time.

In 1887 Nils and his brother, Axel, decided to emigrate from Sweden to America. Their father's sister, Hanna, had written from Walnut Grove, Minnesota, that land was so cheap that it was possible for the average laborer to pay for a quarter section without too much difficulty. Life in Sweden was pleasant in many ways, and it was home, but there was very little opportunity for betterment of one's lot in those days. Very little land was for sale and prices were high compared with returns for labor.

Nils, who was industrious and thrifty, had saved enough money to buy his ticket to America. Brother Axel, more fun loving (the family called him a "spinort" in Swedish) did not have enough for his ticket, but the parents gave him assistance and blessed both boys on their decision to sail for America. It was a comfort that their sons could travel together and could go to the home of "Faster" (Aunt Hannah) who would help them find work and offer a home between jobs. Nels, as he became known in America, and which spelling we shall use with reference to him in this country, went to the Lars Truedson farm for his first position, as arranged by his aunt. He "worked out" through the following year, then started farming for himself, first for one year on a rented place near Grundens in Gales township and then on a farm which he purchased in North Hero.

Lars Truedson had bought 160 acres and reportedly paid for it in full from the first year's crop. That influenced Nels to go into debt for equipment, even though horses were very high. With wheat selling at \$1 a bushel it seemed a wise chance to take, though Nels had to pay \$175 for his first horses. Unfortunately, a depression hit and wheat dropped to 40 cents when Nels had some to sell. It was not easy to pay for his horses and machinery and make farm payments (there were no long term loans in those days), but Nels managed by continuing to do day work for neighbors to supplement his farm income.

Nels also managed to send a ticket to his sister, Mathilda, who came from Sweden in 1892 to help him. The two of them made their home in the granery until a small house was completed. Mathilda helped with field work as well as household duties. Sometimes she helped neighbors when their babies arrived, when they did annual housecleaning or during slack winter months. At those times Nels "batched." Location of this farm, Nels' first, can be seen on the Early Settlers map in this book.

Nels was six feet tall, of excellent build, had wavy brown hair, true blue eyes and a healthy, clear complexion. He was a handsome man who could turn many a lass' head, but didn't show much interest in women. Mrs. Truedson, who was interested in the welfare of the early settlers in that area, told Nels that he ought to find himself a wife, and sometimes secured other employment for Mathilda, thinking that Nels would tire of batching and begin to show more interest in the eligible girls. Mrs. Truedson did not promote any special girl, but spoke for a principle.

It was the Nordstroms' cousin, Nellie, and her husband, John Nelson, who played Cupid successfully. The John I. Johnsons and four children had arrived from John Nelson's home community in Sweden and settled with their son, Carl, on the farm to the south of Nelsons. Their elder daughter, Anna, was an attractive young woman who might be a good helpmeet for Nels Nordstrom.

A Sunday dinner was arranged to which all of the Johnsons were invited in addition to Nels and Mathilda Nordstrom. After a pleasant afternoon together, Nels took Anna to Daleys', not far from his own farm, where she was then employed. Later, he came back to get his sister, Mathilda, and return to their place. Had not Cupid shot some of his arrows that summer day Nels would have taken both Anna and Mathilda at the same time, leaving the former off on the way home. Those extra miles are nothing now, but in the horse and buggy days they meant a good deal of driving time, and then milking the cows by kerosene lantern light.

Following this day at the Nelson home, Cupid received ample assistance from Anna's mother, who became known for her match-making interests with a practical slant.

The following February twenty-sixth, year 1897, Nels and Anna were married at Nels' farm home. Mathilda had worked hard to prepare a special wedding dinner that day. It would be her last meal as Nels' housekeeper and it must be good, to show her esteem for her brother. Mathilda and Nels had been almost strangers when she arrived there five years earlier, but she had learned to respect and admire his fine Christian character, a blending of practicality, refinement and industry. Most of all, she appreciated the kindness and consideration he had shown her. Probably Nels occupied an especially warm place in Mathilda's heart because she knew him better than other members of his family did.

Mathilda passed this tender feeling on to her children, and they always regretted that his deafness made it almost impossible for them to visit with him and let him know how they felt. An outstanding memory regarding Uncle Nels is that of his well kept tool house. In fact, all his equipment was well organized and well cared for. Nieces and nephews enjoyed to visit at the Nels Nordstrom farm, to play in the barn where they could see the little calves, and to drink from that wonderful flowing well which never needed a pump and didn't go dry. But they had learned that one place was "holy ground" into which they could look with admiration, but into which they must not enter—Uncle Nels' tool shop.

But we must return to our account of Nels and Anna's wedding day in 1897.

Anna had been working at the Swoffer home in Walnut Grove and came directly from there. The pastor of the Lutheran church, located north of Walnut Grove, lived in Tracy and came out with his own team and sled. Mr. and Mrs. John I. Johnson, Carl and Ida were in attendance that day, as was Olof Nordstrom, who was then employed at the Dennis Daley farm.

Olof and Mathilda were to have been witnesses, to have "stood up" with the bridal couple. Olof was not excused from his work on time and, in spite of all his hurrying, did not arrive at the appointed hour. Carl Johnson, the bride's brother, was present and took Olof's place.

Perhaps Cupid had something to do with this arrangement, one of several occasions when Carl Johnson and Mathilda Nordstrom had a common experience. Just after the vows were spoken and the blessing pronounced, Olof came walking from Daley's, across the snow covered field.

After her marriage, Anna joined Nels in working hard and planning well in the face of common pioneer hardships, including a very small house and lack of modern conveniences. Some of her nieces and nephews remember with pleasure that good fresh fruit salad, Swedish style brown beans and rich chocolate cake which Aunt Anna served for company meals. Thanks.

Nels Nordstrom secured his final U.S. citizenship papers at Redwood Falls in 1898. He and Carl Johnson drove with team and buggy from Walnut Grove to Redwood Falls the day previous to their appointment, rented a place for their team at the local livery stable and a room for themselves at the hotel. The next morning, at 9:00 A.M., they appeared in court and became citizens of "their country by choice", a citizenship which they deeply appreciated. Nels' wife, Anna, also became a U.S. citizen by virtue of her husband's citizenship, in accordance with law of that time.

Nels had sold his 80 acre farm, with house and barn, for \$50 an acre, and bought another 80 near Herman, Minnesota. Anna was young and Herman seemed very far away. Unable to venture that far from all her people, she chose not to move up there. Later, she commented that Lena and her family found it a good place and that if they had gone there earlier it could also have proved a good place for her and Nels too.

But, the farm at Herman was sold without a loss and, in 1902, 160 acres a mile and a half northeast of Walnut Grove was purchased and became the Nels Nordstrom home place. Anna tells us that Nels was not ambitious for much land,



and would have preferred a good 80 acres, comparatively larger in the days of horsedrawn equipment than it would be now. However, the 160 has served, and is serving, the family well.

Anna says of Nels, "He liked people and he liked to read. He took two Swedish weeklies published in Minneapolis, had some books, though not many were available, and some American papers." He learned to read and spell English largely from these English language papers.

Nels began to lose his hearing gradually only a few years after marriage. This proved a great handicap for a man so interested in visiting with people and tended to restrict his social contacts as the hearing loss became severe, and forced him into the lonesome world of the deaf. As the world of sound closed to Nels, the world of print opened increasingly.

The Nels Nordstroms were active members of the Augustana Lutheran church, now known as Trinity, in which their children were baptized and confirmed.

Two sons and a daughter were born to Nels and Anna; namely, Edwin Richard, Ella Maria and Victor William.

Nels suffered with a duodenal ulcer and chronic myocarditis for many years before other complications caused his death, at age 84, May 23, 1949. He was buried in the village cemetery west from Walnut Grove. He had retired from active farming at age 72.

Anna has been an invalid for some time, being cared for at first by her daughter, Ella, and then, the past four years, by her son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Marie. At this writing she is with the latter at the old farm home near Walnut Grove. Anna Nordstrom passed away March 6, 1960.

Nels and Anna
Nordstrom
at their
Golden
Wedding
Anniversary,
February 26, 1947.





EDWIN

EDWIN RICHARD, born January 25, 1899, inheriting height from both sides of the family, reached six foot four. He has hazel brown eyes and dark brown hair.

Edwin's baptismal sponsors were his Uncle Carl and Aunt Mathilda. He was confirmed in what is now Trinity Lutheran Church and has always been interested in church activities, having held several offices in various organizations. He has served as Trustee and as Treasurer, and is at present serving as Deacon.

Edwin spent most of his early life assisting his parents in the farm work and has farmed since he completed his schooling in the Walnut Grove public school. He has continued his education by reading, being particularly interested in non-fiction. He enjoys picture taking, being the first in the relationship to purchase and operate a camera. Some interesting early family pictures would have been non-existent had it not been for him.

On September 25, 1930, he was married to MARIE CLINE, a former Tracy girl. She was born at Eagle Grove, Iowa, graduated from Tracy High School and attended Mankato Commercial College, after which she worked in a bank at Wessington, South Dakota. Marie has dark brown hair, brown eyes and is five feet, four and a half inches tall.



Above: September, 1933
Right: Marie Cline
Left: Edwin and Marie at
time of their marriage.

Marie enjoys the distinction of heterogeneous ancestry. Her Grandma Cline was English; Grandpa Cline, German and Irish; Grandma Eaton, Norwegian; Grandpa Eaton, Scotch and Irish. Some of the latter's people lived in Kentucky and Missouri in the early days and later in Indiana and in Iowa. Great-Grandpa Eaton was a Maxwell—Scottish, of course.

Since her marriage, Marie has been an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Walnut Grove, having held several positions in auxiliaries. At present she is serving as vice president of the Ladies Aid and has just been elected temporary chairman of the Augustana Lutheran Churchwomen at Walnut Grove, being organized to replace the Ladies' Aid and the Women's Missionary Society.

Marie sews, enjoys flowers and working with them and likes TV. She loves people and enjoys social activities with her many friends. Edwin and Marie share their keenest interest—their daughter and son-in-law. Marie helps Edwin with field work when power machinery requires more than operator. She has raised large numbers of chickens.

We have heard Edwin referred to as "Doc Nordstrom" and Edwin and Marie as "Doctors Ed and Marie." This designation was earned by their experience of delivering a baby during the Great Snow of February, 1936. They were living in the former Grandpa Johnson home on the Carl Johnson farm when a neighbor came for help because it was impossible for the doctor to get out from Walnut Grove.

Leaving baby Janice with Aunt Mathilda and taking their copy of "Infant Care," containing a chapter on emergency delivery, edited and published by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, Edwin and Marie set off across the fields. It wasn't possible to find the road, and even the fences were completely covered with snow. Walking was extremely difficult because the snow was very deep and still too soft to bear their weight, with the result that they had to push themselves, rather than walk, through the snow. Later Marie confessed that when they were about half way out she doubted that they could ever make it, and realized that it would be equally impossible to return home.

Both Edwin and Marie were almost exhausted when they finally reached the neighbor's house more than a half mile from their own, but there was time for only a brief rest. After assisting the young husband get whatever equipment they could ready, Edwin read the directions from "Infant Care" and Marie followed them step by step. The next day when a snow plow opened the road from Walnut Grove and brought a doctor it was found that "Doctors Edwin and Marie" had done an excellent job in the face of great odds.

Below, left: Carl Johnson's house as seen from the barn.
Right: Edwin and Carl digging out the machine shed and garage, February, 1936.





Above: Janice, age eight. Above right: Marie, Edwin, Janice, Mrs. Cline, Robert, Lucille, Jeanie.
Left: Janice at time of her confirmation.

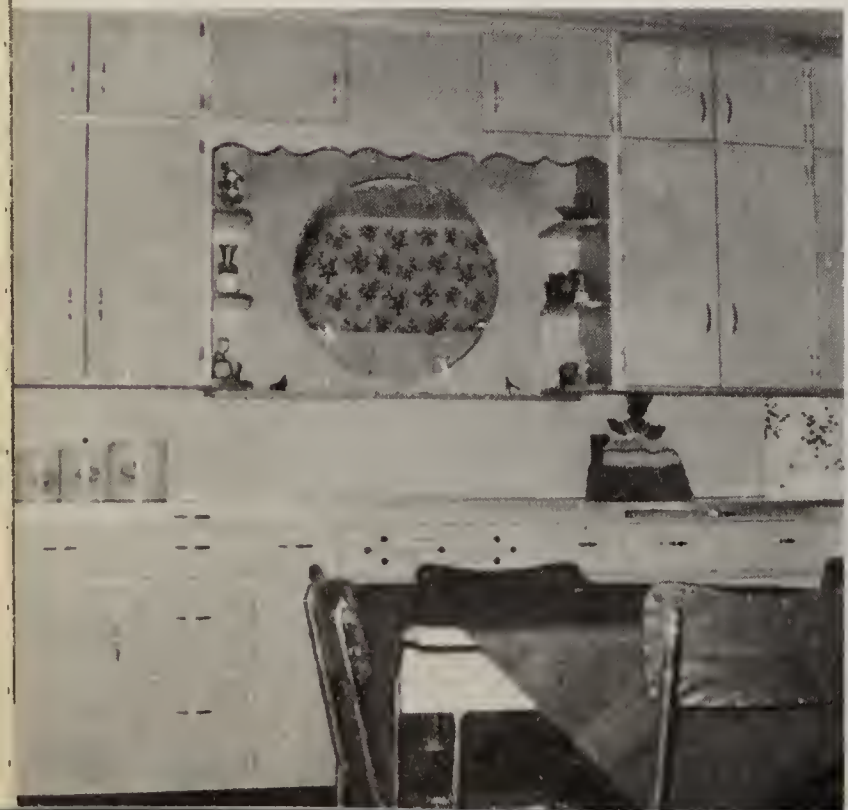
Two daughters were born to Edwin and Marie. JANICE was born May 29, 1934. CAROL JOANNE was born prematurely and passed away shortly after birth, October 25, 1944.

Janice attended school in Walnut Grove and graduated from high school in 1952. She attended Mankato Teachers College for three years, after which she spent a year working at Augustana Lutheran Synodical Headquarters in Minneapolis. During her high school years she took an active interest in various activities, especially music. She served as organist in Trinity Lutheran Church during her high school days and whenever she was in Walnut Grove after that.

On February 23, 1957, Janice was married to JAMES CARTER, who was born at Walnut Grove September 22, 1926, and was graduated from Walnut Grove High School. They live on a well-improved farm 4½ miles southwest of Walnut Grove.

When James is not busy with farming and cattle feeding he occupies himself with gardening, carpenter work and building, do-it-yourself projects, hunting or fishing. He is secretary of Holly Farmers' Co-op company. Both James and Janice are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Janice keeps busy with homemaking, church, Twentieth Century Club, Extension Club and interest in sports, growing flowers, various types of art, singing and playing piano and organ. She is church organist at present.





Janice and James Carter, February 23, 1957.



Janice with Mother, Marie.

Lillian and James Dale with attendants, August 31, 1957.



ELLA

Ella Marie Nordstrom was born January 4, 1902 at Walnut Grove, Minnesota. She graduated from the Walnut Grove High School in 1920. In June 1922 she graduated from the Mankato State Teachers College, having taken the two year course for primary teachers.

She taught third and fourth grades at Lynd, Minnesota. Here she met HELMER DALE. They were married Dec. 4, 1925. They lived on the farm at Lynd until 1934.



1. Ella; 2. Helmer and Ella; 3. Ardys; 4. Jim.

In 1934 the Dales sold their farm to the National Park Service. It was taken over by a large group of C.C.C. veterans of World War I. They worked it into what is now Camden State Park. The Dale house was located a block from what is now the swimming pool.

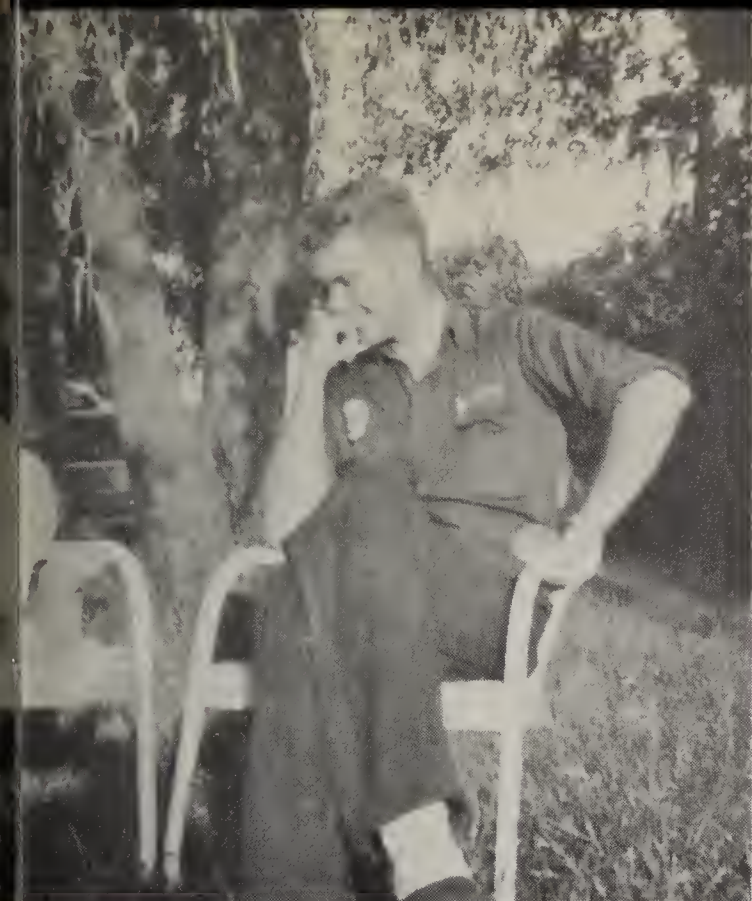
Helmer quit farming and was given a job by the Park Service as a foreman for the work crews. Having completed the park work the C.C.C. camp moved to Fort Ridgely at Fairfax, Minnesota. The Dales moved with them and lived in Fairfax three years. Then they moved to Carlton, Minnesota where Helmer continued to work as a foreman at Jay Cooke State Park.

At the beginning of the war the Dales moved back to Lynd where they had purchased a small farm. Here they still reside.

Ella is 5 ft. 7 inches tall, has hazel eyes and had medium to dark brown hair. She enjoys group Bible study and the ladies literary club. Her special activity is raising chickens and selling eggs to the store, and to customers who come out to the farm.

Helmer is 5 ft. 11½ inches tall, had light brown curly hair, blue eyes. He is Lynd Township assessor, last year helped with the Red Cross drive, also served on Committees for the Blood Bank and Food for overseas drive. He sells seed corn to the neighboring farmers, enjoys visiting with other farmers and is a very, very strict Democrat.

Helmer and Ella are the parents of two children: Ardis Ann, born March 30, 1931, James Helmer, born February 23, 1938.



1. Jim with his dog; 2. Jim, Helmer, Ella, Ardys; 3. Ella, Helmer. 1958.

ARDIS ANN attended schools in Fairfax, Carlton and Lynd. She graduated from Lynd High School in 1949. She graduated from Minneapolis Business College the following year. During High School she took a correspondence course in Commercial Art from Art Instruction, Inc. Minneapolis. She received her diploma from them in 1950. She is accomplished at designing and making all her own clothes. She also sews almost all her mother's dresses.

Ardis worked for the Mutual Service Finance Company in Minneapolis until she married EDWARD SHOURDS June 2, 1951. Their son, Richard Scott—better known as Ricky—was born September 6, 1952.

They live in Marshall where Edward works for Super Valu store.

They are members of the First English Lutheran Church in Marshall.

Both Ardis and Eddie like to play tennis, attend church meetings, swim and ice skate. They enjoy vacation trips, having visited several states and taken many slide pictures of scenery they saw. In fact, amateur photography is a hobby of theirs.

Ardys, Eddie and Ricky, 1958.





Left: Lillian, James and Michael, August, 1958.
Right: Michael, 1959.

JAMES HELMER DALE attended Lynd school and was graduated in 1956. In August 1957 he married his childhood sweet heart, LILLIAN SERREYN. She also graduated from Lynd High School in 1956. Their son, Michael James, was born July 3, 1958. They live in Marshall about a block from Ardis.

James, who prefers to be called "Jim" works at Cattoors Oil Station in Marshall. But he has one ambition, and only one, and that is to be a farmer whenever the opportunity presents itself. During the summers when other boys were playing baseball he would be plowing and cultivating the soil—occupations he enjoyed more than anything else.

Lillian enjoys the homemaking activities which keep her busy, her church and her friends. She likes to crochet during leisure time. Both Jim and Lillian like to ice skate, swim, bowl (but not much time for this) and picnic. Jim also likes to hunt. They are active members of First English Lutheran Church in Marshall.

Almost every Sunday afternoon the two families come out to see "the folks"—Helmer and Ella.

"Jimmy's early childhood was plagued by wartime shortages, shortages of wagons, tricycles, candy and such.

"One Easter Sunday when he was five years old we had just left the yard on our way to early sunrise services at the church. A rabbit ran across the road in front of our car. 'Is that the Easter Bunny?' asked Jimmy.

" 'Yes', I answered.

"He didn't say any more, but on our return home, he ran into the house and looked around. Soon he came out again saying, 'The Easter Bunny didn't leave me an Easter Basket, then what was he doing around here?' "

—Ella Nordstrom Dale

SUMMER—1915

During my childhood it was the custom for children to attend all day sessions of Bible school, lasting six weeks.

One summer when I was about thirteen years old and Victor was eleven, Victor and I drove our horse Sam a distance of about four miles to Bible school that was held in a Country School. Sam was black with a white face. I was secretly a little disappointed in him because he couldn't shake hands like Esther and Hilma's horse could. Our carriage was a one seated top buggy. Along the way we usually picked up Oscar and George Anderson, Esther and Hilma Johnson. Also quite often Victor and Viola Nelson if we happened to meet them on the road. This would have been a traffic hazard, but we didn't have to worry about traffic. About all Sam was afraid of was one of those new fangled horseless carriages and luckily we didn't meet even one the entire six weeks.

At school the classes were all conducted in Swedish by a neighbor girl, Anna Bergblom. Our drinking water was from a pail with a dipper.

Each noon the boys took Sam over across the road to drink from farmer Jackson's tank. One day an irate Mrs. Jackson came out of the house and told us that Sam couldn't drink there any more. After that, they had to take him about half a mile to Alfred Nelson's place.

Those days many farmers kept hives of bees. These bees would "swarm" and fly across country to a new landing place. One afternoon as we were returning from school we were horrified to see a big swarm of bees flying directly toward us. We threw ourselves on the ground and placed our coats over us. Sam didn't have any protection but luckily the bees by passed us.

The last day of school we had a program to which the mothers were invited. I played an organ solo, the first and last time I ever played in public.

—Ella Nordstrom Dale



Left to right, back row: Ella Nordstrom, Esther Johnson, Chester Anderson, Miss Bergblom. Second row: Oscar Anderson, Clarence Munson, Annette Anderson, Victor Nelson, Victor Nordstrom. Front row: Alvar Johnson, George Anderson, Viola Nelson, Lee Lindberg.



VICTOR



VICTOR WILLIAM, the youngest of the Nels and Anna Nordstrom children, married GRACE NELSON, granddaughter of the Eleck Nelsons, in whose home Victor's grandparents and family were guests their first day in Walnut Grove.

Grace was born at Walnut Grove, where she also received her elementary and high school education. She took a course at the Tracy Normal School and later completed the requirements for her Minnesota elementary teachers' certificate at Mankato State Teachers College. She taught school until her marriage in 1939. Two years ago, in addition to homemaking duties, she resumed teaching—second grade in the Walnut Grove public school.

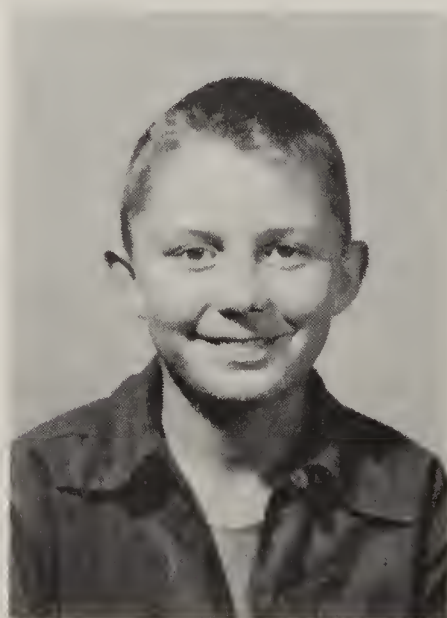
Victor also attended the Walnut Grove public school and, after farming with his father for a while, completed a course at a Minneapolis barber college. He worked as a barber, in Walnut Grove and in Minneapolis, from 1924 until 1936. Since 1936 he has farmed on the home place, living with his folks the first three years and then building his own house to the east of the old farm home at the time of his marriage. He has been A. S. C. Farm Stored Grain Inspector since 1954.

Victor and Grace place their home and family as first interest, around which their activities revolve. Both enjoy reading and are interested in athletics—baseball, basketball, and football. They are members of the PTA and of the Methodist church in Walnut Grove, the church in which Grace was brought up. Grace is also a member of the W.S.C.S. of the church.

Grace's father was of Norwegian descent and her mother of German descent. Both Grace and Victor have dark brown hair. Grace has blue eyes; Victor, brown. All the children have brown eyes and are tall, as are their parents.

Left: Four generations, left to right: Grace Nordstrom, Bertha Nelson Riley, Mrs. Albin Klucking. On chair, Bill Nordstrom.

Right: Shearing time.
Below: Bruce.





Above: Karen. Left: Victor & Grace with family. Right: Bruce, Karen, Bill. Below: Bill, Bruce, Karen.

WILLIAM (BILL) ROY was graduated from Walnut Grove High School in June of 1958, and is now a sophomore at Gustavus Adolphus College. BRUCE ALAN is now a high school senior. He enjoys hunting. Both of the boys like to read and are excellent athletes, playing on their school baseball, basketball and football teams.

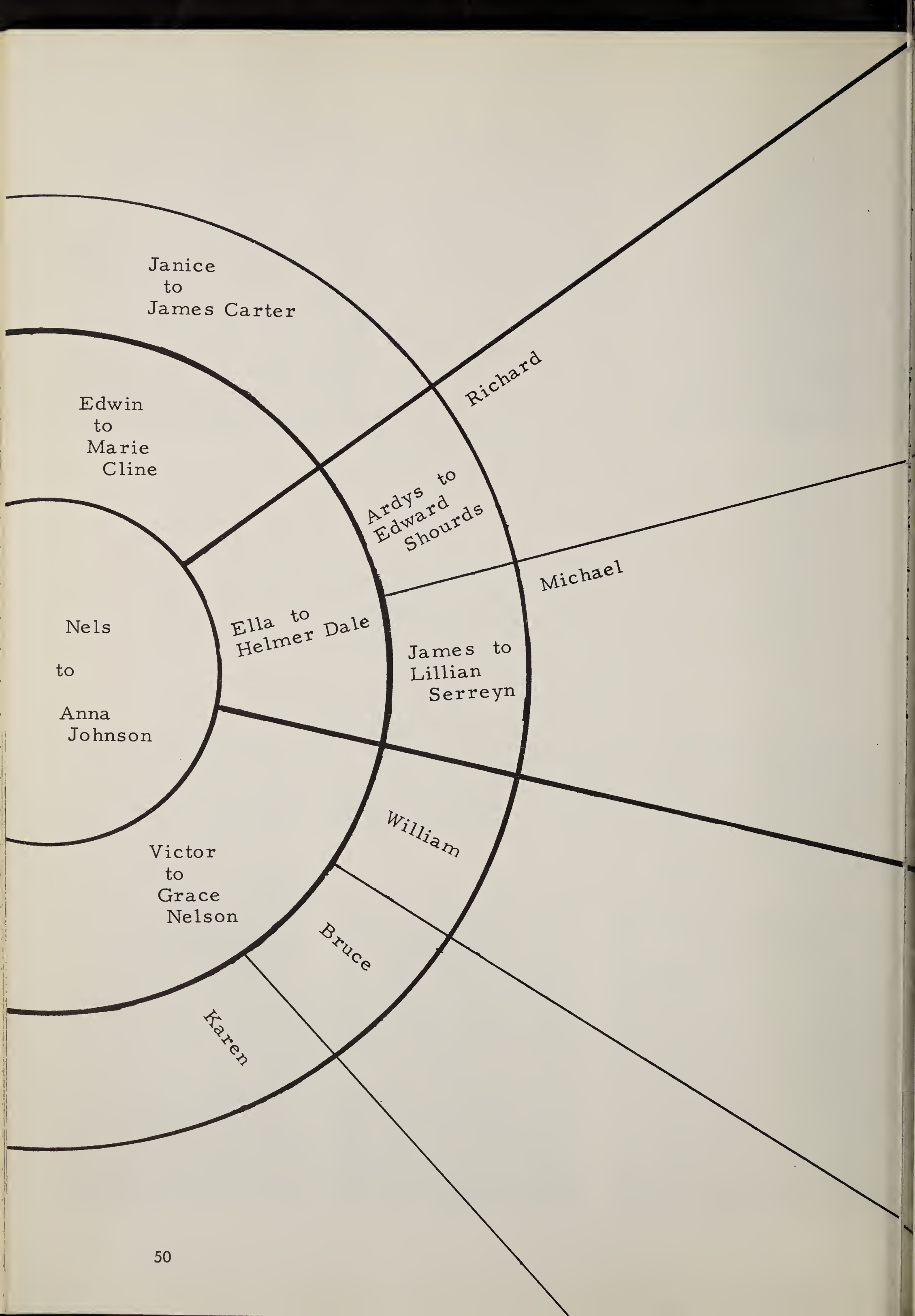
Bill made the basketball and baseball first teams at college during his freshman year, and has received recognition for outstanding playing. He is well liked among students on the campus, by teachers in the classroom and by personnel at the college cafeteria, where he works to help pay for his education. He made the National Honor Society in high school and continues as a good student in college. Bill holds the record for the highest number of points scored by any Walnut Grove High School basketball player.

A businessman in Walnut Grove who was bragging about Bill recently said that he is a fine all around boy, that he is able and dependable in a variety of fields, not merely athletics, citing an instance where it was desired to have a young man read Scripture and lead in prayer at a public function. Bill was their first choice and did very well.

KAREN DIANE, who enjoys sewing and reading, plays cornet in the school band at Walnut Grove. She plays the piano and is Sunday School organist at the Methodist church, where the family are members. Karen has expressive eyes and a winning smile.

Bill, Bruce and Karen have all served as officers of their school classes.







Axel

		Paul Richard Beverly Timothy
Glen to Hilda Grimsbo	Willard to Lorraine Nielson	John James Lynn
	Dorothy to Harold Pramann	Phyllis Harold Minnie Leroy Allan Andrew Louise
Oscar to Irene Wade	Helen to Marvin Jensen	David Danny
	Faye to Lawrence Howe	Cecilia Linda Deborah
	Sylvia to Alfred Watkins	
Axel to Mathilda Swanson	Frans to Helen Massy	Alice Mae to Mark Rick Patricia James, Jr. Doreen Andrea Richard Debra
	Ernest to Mildred Ahlf	Elizabeth to Harry Hines JoAnn John Edward
	Edythe to Harold Bruner	Stuart to Mary Pfau Ann Louise Janet James Thomas
Alice to Melvin Klasse	Russell to Vivian Uana	Keith Kathryn
	Dennis to Myra Dockwiler	
	Roger to Sharon Bertels	Karen Sue Michael Lee Matthew Jon
	James to Margaret Chadwick	
Marilyn		Leigh Allison



Axel Nordstrom

Mathilda Nordstrom

AXEL

Axel, the second son of Nils and Anna Nordström, was born at their home in Herslöv parish, March 14, 1867. He and brother Nels left Sweden December 18, 1887, arriving at the home of their Aunt Hanna near Walnut Grove in January, 1888. They found employment on farms in that vicinity with the exception of a year that Axel spent in Colorado, where he helped build the railroad on Pike's Peak.

He would often relate his experiences in Colorado. The work was hard and living conditions poor. They bunked on the floor, often times shivering from the cold. To this he contributed his sinus condition—"cataarh," as he called it. He musingly told of the times he and his buddies visited Denver and "took in" the performance at a dazzling theatre, and then spent the night at a "swell" hotel. He always dreamed of making a return visit to Colorado.

When he was 24 years old he married a mere slip of a girl—16 year old Mathilda Swanson. He was working for her widowed mother prior to this time. Their wedding day was rather eventful; on the way to Tracy to the parsonage (Rev. Nystrom was pastor of the 2 parishes) the little sleigh upset, spilling its four occupants into a snow drift. Lena Nordstrom and Alfred Swanson, the bride's brother, were the attendants. After the ceremony, they enjoyed a dinner at the Tracy Hotel. Aunt Lena thought the baked lima beans were especially good so took a few home in her pocket for the bride's mother!

The ambitious Axel had previously bought eighty acres of land $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Walnut Grove for \$9 an acre. He had built a stable with the intention of building a house the next summer. In the spring when he and Mathilda,



Jingle, Bells

J. PIERPONT
Arr. by Walter Goodell

Lively

With plans to Tracy ride That she might be my bride, Miss

Tilda Swanson dear Was seated by The horse was
my side; lean & lank, Mis-

Fortune seemed his lot, He got into a drifted bank. And we, we got upsoot.

CHORUS

Jin-gle bells! jin-gle bells! Jin-gle all the way! Oh, what fun it

Jin - gle, jin - gle the way

is to ride In a one-horse o-pen sleigh!



commonly called Tilda, were married they lived in the stable while building their house. Being in love, they made a pleasant home there from the time of their marriage in March until the house was completed early that summer. It was a small house but was used several years. The three boys and Edythe were born there.

When Axel's mother found living alone too difficult she sold her house to Axel and Tilda. Later they built a two-story addition, and this became the familiar Axel Nordstrom home in which the children grew up. The part with porch was the original Nils and Anna Nordström house. When the Axel Nordstrom family moved into the larger house, the former became a granary and was used as such throughout the years.

At first Axel used oxen on his breaking plow but these were replaced with horses. Old settlers have said that they recall Axel's driving his oxen into town and that these would lie down in the street where he stopped and wait for the return trip. Later when Olof had bought the eighty to the south of Axel's he stayed with Axel and Tilda while farming his own land. He used Axel's oxen for plowing.

In the early days other people walked behind all field machines but Axel's ability to handle horses paid off for him. He managed to ride a pony and manipulate lines to guide the horses pulling a drag.

As time went on adjoining land was purchased, first the eighty to the west and then, when Olof left for North Dakota, Axel bought his land too, giving a total of 240 acres. Here the family continued to live, with the exception of a year and a half spent in Tracy.

In 1920, they sold the farm and retired to Walnut Grove, where they had purchased a modern home. Money was hard to come by in those post-war days, and the Iowa man who had bought the farm let it go back. This created quite a problem, as Dad had in the meantime bought a farm in North





Dakota, where Olof and Oscar were living. Dad, being determined, saw no other way out of the squeeze than to go up to North Dakota and put in the crop himself. This he did for 3 or 4 seasons, and luckily hit the good years when there was no drought. It was a happy day when he finally paid off the mortgage on the home farm.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary was observed on March 8, 1941. The entire family was in attendance, with the exception of Oscar who had passed away in 1939, and one of Oscar's sons who was in military service. A dinner was served at the church and "open house" held at the home in afternoon and evening.

Axel and Tilda's family had grown considerably by this time. Those pictured here are, left to right, back row: Melvin holding Jim, Dennis, Alice, Helen, Mildred, Irene, Frans, Harold Bruner, Helen, Glen (top of head showing), Edythe, Alice Mae. Middle row: Jim Allison, Aunt Emma (Mrs. Allison), Russell, Elizabeth, Frances, Stuart, Dorothy, Harold Pramann. Front row: Axel and Mathilda, Faye, Sylvia, Roger.





Left to right, standing: Ernest, Alice, Edythe, Frans. Seated: Axel and Mathilda.

Many people remarked about Dad's happy disposition—despite his affliction of deafness. This started coming on when he was in his 20's and finally became total. He also had the misfortune of losing sight on one eye while working with barbed wire. He was full of fun; I recall the many boxing matches he would feign with the nephews when they came to visit, testing their growing muscles. Then "Aunt Tilda" would step in and break it up!

He got along famously with people as he was able to lip read, and also had a notebook and pencil ready if the other failed. He did a lot of reading, and so could converse on politics and current events. He was quite shrewd in business matters—possibly because he was a little wary of others taking advantage of him.

In his spare time Dad studied books on veterinary medicine and was quite widely known as a "horse doctor"; often times he would dash off with his pail of strong-smelling medicines to treat someone's animal. He was also known as a "horse trader"; he liked to break young high spirited horses—he had a "way with them."

In 1944, 31½ years after the 50th Wedding Anniversary, Dad suffered a "stroke" as he was driving home from the farm. He managed to get the car home but couldn't get out, as he was partially paralyzed. After two days he passed on.

Mother was small of stature—a neat, fast worker. She met people in a warm, friendly manner, and also spoke her mind freely. She was a good sewer, occasionally doing work for others, likewise, a good cook—her rye bread was a specialty, always in demand at the Church suppers, etc.

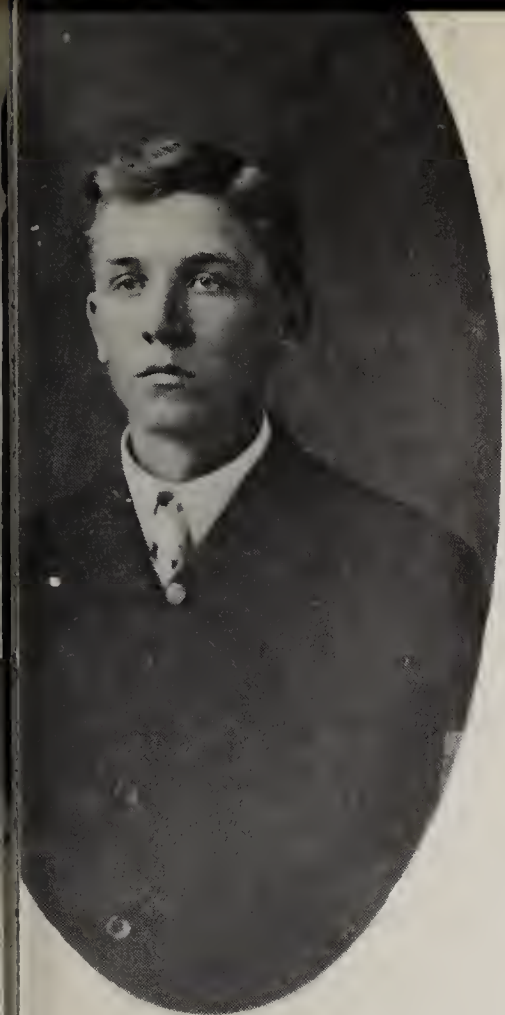
When she was born, there was little hope for her survival as she weighed only 3 lbs.—a perfect fit for the palm of her father's hand—and the family lived in a sod house!

Mother lived on three more years after Dad left—gradually declining in health; her last 3 months were spent in bed. Both Mother and Dad passed away on Saturday mornings—services were held on Mondays. They were buried in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery north of Walnut Grove.

—Alice Nordstrom Klasse

John and I were visiting at Walnut Grove at Uncle Axels, when he was called out into the country to care for a sick horse. John went along. Uncle Axel walked into the stall and started to pull out his hand to touch the horse when wham! The horse kicked Uncle Axel square on the chest, knocking him across to the other side of the stall. Uncle Axel slowly came up, put his hand over his coat pocket and said in the nasal tone we know so well "The San ofa gan, he broke ma watch!"

—Edna Haley



Back row: Glen,
Willard. Center: Helen,
Irene. Front: Faye,
Sylvia, 1942.



O. O. Nordstrom

OSCAR

Oscar Albin Nordstrom was born at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, March 13, 1892, the first of Axel and Mathilda Nordstrom's five children. He attended school, and worked on the farm with his parents until the spring of 1914, when he moved with farming equipment, to a farm which he had purchased at Braddock, North Dakota.

On June 7, 1919, Oscar and Miss IRENE WADE of Kimball, Minnesota, were united in marriage. They had met while Irene taught school near Braddock. Six children were born to them: Glen, Willard, Dorothy, Helen, Faye and Sylvia.

Due to severe drouth conditions in North Dakota, the family moved to Kuna, Idaho, where they rented a farm in 1936. In the spring of 1939, Oscar became ill with pneumonia and passed away on May 19, 1939. He was buried at Kimball, Minnesota.

Irene sold out their farming equipment in the fall of 1939 and returned with her family to Kimball where she still resides. For the past several years she has been employed at Our Own Hardware in Kimball. The children reside in the surrounding communities.

Picture at left: Oscar and Irene's daughters in 1938—back row, Helen and Dorothy; front, Sylvia and Faye. Center picture shows Oscar in Kuna Falls, Idaho, in the fall of 1938. Right: Willard and Glen.

Oscar's original homestead house, barn and horses, near Braddock, N. D.





GLEN

Glen Allan Nordstrom, born April 4, 1920, at Braddock, North Dakota; married June 23, 1945 to HILDA GRIMSBO. Children: Paul Glen, born March 27, 1946; Richard Stephan, born May 13, 1949, died May 15, 1949; Beverly Jean, born June 6, 1952; Timothy Robert, born August 31, 1954.

Went through grades and two years of high school at Braddock, North Dakota. Finished last two years at Kuna, Idaho. Carried on family farming as occupation (from 1939 to 1942) after Father passed away, at Kuna, Idaho, South Haven and Kimball, in Minnesota.

Drafted and rejected for military service because of tuberculosis. Spent one year recovering. Met and married Hilda Grimsbo in 1945. Worked year and half in St. Cloud, Minnesota, defense plant—from 1944 to 1945.

Started work for Sears Roebuck in 1946, where am presently employed as appliance repair man. Own our own home on outskirts of St. Cloud. We belong to Salem Lutheran Church.

[Does Scout work, such as camping trips and meetings, through the Salem Lutheran Church. He was recently elected a Trustee on the Church Board there. With his work and garden, he keeps very busy.]

WILLARD

Willard Wade Nordstrom was born May 18, 1923 at Braddock, North Dakota; married April 26, 1947 to LORRAINE NIELSON. Children: John Robert, born May 1, 1948; James Wade, born June 3, 1949; Lynn Marion, born October 6, 1952.

I went through grade school at Braddock, N. D. and Kuna, Idaho. Attended high school at Kuna, Idaho, Kimball, Minnesota and Maple Lake, Minnesota, graduating from Maple Lake in 1941. I enlisted in the U. S. Navy in December, 1941, and served during all of World War II, in Europe and the Pacific areas. I was discharged in the fall of 1945.

I worked as a shipping clerk at Montgomery Wards in St. Paul and then started work as a plater at Western Electric Co. in 1946. Married to Lorraine Nielson in 1947. Being in the Naval Reserve, I was called back into service during the Korean war. I was discharged in 1952. I went back to work at Western Electric and in order to get a better job there I attended night school for three years, and graduated as an Electronics Technician.

When Western Electric closed their plant in St. Paul, in June, 1958, I secured a position with the Civil Aeronautics Administration and was appointed to Watertown, South Dakota. My work is Electronic Maintenance of Navigation Facilities. (While in St. Paul, he did some radio and T.V. repair, built and installed the kitchen cabinets in his home in St. Paul.)

DOROTHY PRAMANN

Dorothy Lucille Nordstrom was born October 18, 1924, at Braddock, N. D.; married March 4, 1941 to HAROLD H. PRAMANN. Children: Phyllis Irene, born January 18, 1942, died November 5, 1947; Harold Andrew, born November 26, 1943; Minnie Louise, born October 20, 1945; Leroy Allan, born August 4, 1949; Allan Loren, born October 24, 1950.

Went through grade school and 1½ years of high school. Married Harold Pramann and rented a farm near South Haven, Minnesota for three years. Bought our own farm, which has been in the Pramann family for 101 years. Have a full line of farm machinery and a good set of buildings. We raise Shetland ponies. We belong to the Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church at St. Cloud, Minnesota. (Dorothy has done some leather tooling, also some painting. Has always done the sewing for her family. Living on a farm, her family, garden and home keep her busy.)

HELEN JENSEN

Helen Mildred Nordstrom was born December 10, 1925, at Braddock, N. D.; married October 12, 1944 to MARVIN JENSEN. Children: David Marvin, born September 13, 1945; Danny Christ, born January 6, 1949.

I went to grade school in Braddock, N. D. and in Kuna, Idaho. I graduated from the Kimball High School in 1943. Attended a Teletype and Radio school in Minneapolis, and secured employment at Dayton, Ohio, airport, in Civil Service, where I worked until spring of 1944. On October 12, 1944, I was married to Marvin Jensen of Kimball, Minnesota. We lived at Grove City, Minnesota, and worked as hired help on a farm for three years. In 1948 we moved to a farm near Kimball. In September, 1952, we bought a farm three miles east of Kimball, where we now live. This farm was the childhood home of my maternal grandmother. (Living on farm, she keeps busy with her family, garden and home. Sews and has painted some.)

FAYE HOWE

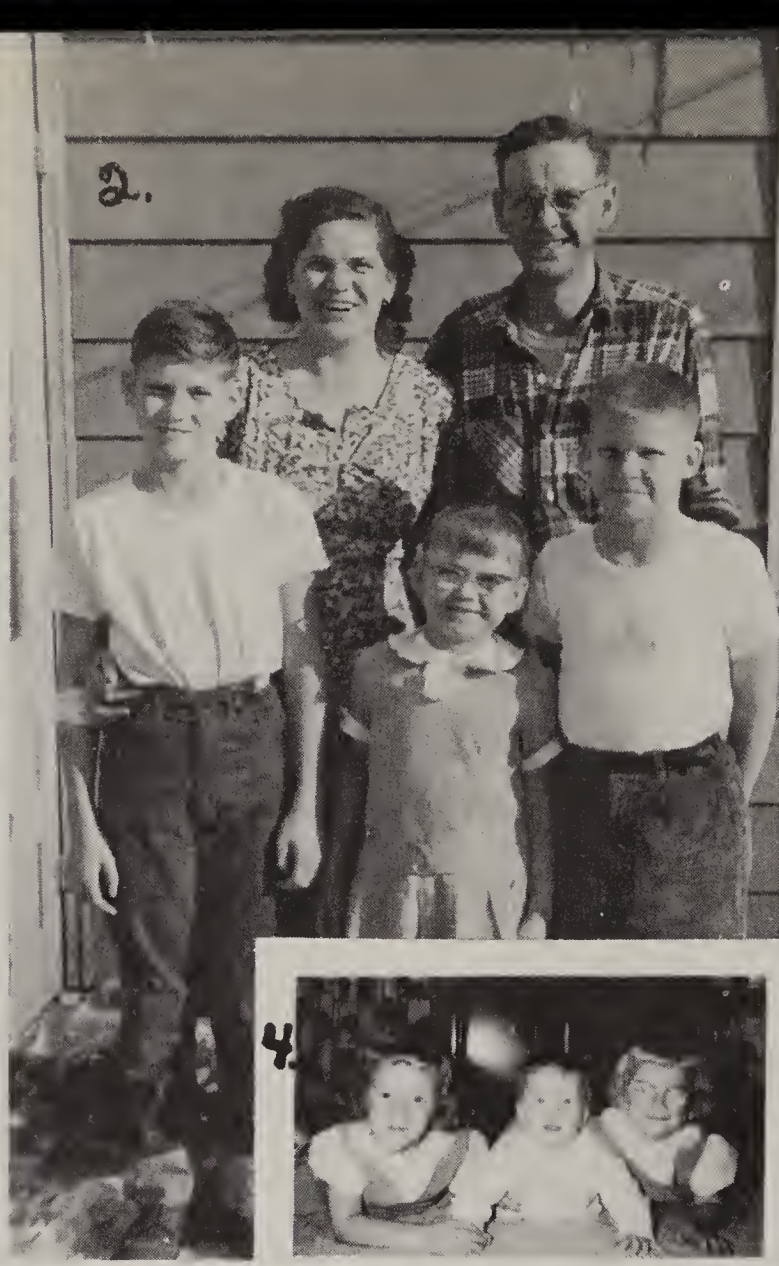
Faye Eleanor Nordstrom was born October 12, 1934, at Bismarck, North Dakota; married October 21, 1952 to LAWRENCE E. HOWE. Children: Cecilia Joan, born July 25, 1953; Linda Ann, born August 11, 1954; Deborah Lea, born March 29, 1957.

Went through grade school and high school in Kimball, Minnesota, graduating in 1952. Worked as a stenographer for an attorney in Minneapolis. Flew to Japan in October, 1952, where I married Lawrence Howe. Lived in Tokyo for two years while my husband completed his service in the U. S. Army. Cecilia was born at Tokyo Army Hospital. Returned home January 2, 1954. We now live in Litchfield, Minnesota, where we own our home. My husband is electronic organ dealer and works for First District Milk Ass'n. We belong to St. Phillips Catholic Church. (Faye does most of the sewing for her three little girls. Plays both piano and electric organ, enough for her own amusement.)

SYLVIA WATKINS

Sylvia Kathleen Nordstrom was born January 11, 1936 at Bismarck, N. D.; married November 17, 1956 to ALFRED E. WATKINS.

Went through grade school and high school at Kimball, Minnesota. Worked as a bookkeeper at the Farmers Elevator and the Kimball Creamery for two years. Met and married Alfred Watkins, at which time we moved to St. Paul. We live at 1599 St. Anthony, St. Paul. I work as a bookkeeper for accountants in St. Paul. My husband works for Advance Engineering and paints houses. We are members of the Ostmark Lutheran Church. (Sylvia has done quite a lot of fancy work, photo coloring, painting pictures and Dresdens.)



1. Harold & Dorothy. 2. John, Lorraine, Willard, Lynn & James. 3. David and Danny Jensen, 1953. 4. Cecilia, Linda and Deborah Howe. 5. Helen and Sylvia. 6. Alfred and Sylvia Watkins. 7. Faye, Cecilia and Lawrence, 1953. 8. Harold Andrew, Minnie, LeRoy & Allan Pramann, 1959. 9. The Oscar-Irene family, March, 1959: Back row: Willard, Glen, Irene; Front: Faye, Sylvia, Helen, Dorothy.





FRANS

Frans Edward, second son of Axel and Mathilda Nordstrom, was born at the farm home north of Walnut Grove in 1893. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church which at that time was located north and west in the same section as his parent's farm. He attended elementary school at district 22 one-room school to the south and west. His Uncle Carl Johnson tells how he used to trap muskrats in the slough north of the latter's buildings, walking down there every morning to tend the traps. He and his brothers helped their father with the farm work; were influenced by his interest in reading and thirst for learning.

After visiting at the home of Aunt and Uncle, the Chris Andersens, in Slayton, Frans decided to attend high school there, graduating in 1914. He attended Stout College at Menominee, Wisconsin, 1914-16, and received his B. S. there in 1930, having completed requirements during summer sessions. He had almost enough credits for a Masters degree when the war interrupted. Instead of completing work on his M. S., he then taught welding at night school classes (1941-45) lasting until midnight. He has also taken some work at U. of M. Duluth Branch.

In 1917 Frans married HELEN MASSY, daughter of the Gerald Wm. Massys of Little Falls, Minnesota. Their honeymoon, from June through August, was spent at Frans' brother Oscar's "dry land ranch" near Braddock, North Dakota. Helen tells us that she didn't do so well there, having been brought up in Little Falls and not accustomed to pioneering ways called for on a North Dakota farm of that time. She says, "No white potatoes out there—I didn't bake bread or wash—never saw meat put up in fat before. Had a hammock which Frans tied to a fence post and a wagon wheel near a field of corn he cultivated. There I read or watched him. Sometimes I rode on the hay rack. Had a gun so I shot gophers. It was fun going by horse and buggy on Sundays to what was called a lake, no trees; or Olof and Judith would ask us over."

After elementary and high school at Little Falls, Helen attended Winona State Teachers' College, graduating in 1915. She taught seventh grade for two years, until her marriage.

Frans and Helen's first home was at Le Sueur, where he taught from September 1917 to March 15, 1918, when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He was assigned to the quartermaster division, stationed at Charleston, S. C. from March

until August 1918, and at Pensacola, Florida until February 1919. He never went to sea; was up in a Blimp. Helen stayed at Little Falls for the duration. Later Frans served as American Legion Commander.

Following the war, Frans taught at Great Falls, Montana, until June, 1925. From then on he has taught at Hibbing, Minnesota. At first he taught wood shop, now it is welding, pattern making, foundry—metal. His present position is "General Metals" in the Senior High School at Hibbing and also Director of Vocational and Industrial Education in the Junior College and Head of the Dep't of Industrial Arts, with twelve men.

Frans has electric machines in the basement at home so occasionally does a bit of creative work or repair work for the home. Summers are spent traveling, formerly to Menominee, Wisconsin for summer school, where they tented on grounds provided by Stout for students. Helen writes, "Housing was scarce down there. Biz was five months old in June, 1929, when a terrific wind and rain storm blew our tent down, soaking all the blankets. These dried on the fair grounds fence, next to our tent, the following day. No one the worse for it. Great life to finish a college education summers on a teacher's salary with three girls to educate besides.



Above: Alice Mae, Elizabeth and Frances. Left: Alice Mae and Frances.

"In 1952 Frans and I drove up to Winnipeg and west thru Canada to Vancouver Island (ferry) and back thru the States—6 weeks. In 1953 we drove east thru Canada to the Gaspé Peninsula and Cape Breton Highlands, driving back thru the states—6 weeks. This time Alice Mae and Patti met us at Lake George, N.Y., where we took a cabin for a week in the Adirondacks. Fun! Otherwise we tented. We learned more practical things about people, products, etc. than at any summer school. Great country!" They now own a house trailer to replace their tent.

Frans' hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping and curling. He is secretary as well as manager of the Hibbing Curling Club, past president of the Isaak Walton League, president of the Teachers' Credit Union and Vestryman of the Episcopal Church.



Pictures shown here include the following:

The F. E. Nordstrom home at 2919 Second Avenue West, Hibbing, in 1958; house built fall of 1937.

Frans and Helen beside a snowdrift in the park on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1936.

Frans and brother Ernest, August 1936.



Group at time of Biz's wedding: Left to right: Charles Howell, best man; Frances Sampson, matron of honor; Elizabeth Nordstrom Hines, bride; Harry Hines Jr., groom; Harry Hines, father of the groom; Mrs. Harry Hines, mother of the groom; Mrs. F. E. Nordstrom, mother of the bride.

Helen is president of her church guild, Episcopal Church, was treasurer for five years; is active in Saturday club (Federated), was treasurer of it for three years; belongs to Eastern Star. She sews, crochets and reads. The women whose husbands curl and then eat at the Club Thursday evenings during January and February, get together for dinner and bridge at home. Frans and Helen also help chaperone dances at the Hibbing Junior College where Frans teaches. Both are busy following with much interest the many activities of their children and grandchildren.

Children: Alice Mae, born 1918, married Mark A. Rick, 1942; Frances Helen, born 1921, married James T. Sampson, 1942; Elizabeth Jean, born 1929, married Harry H. Hines, Jr., 1948.



Frans and Helen at the time of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, June 4, 1942.

Daughters Alice Mae, Frances and Elizabeth at the time of their parents' 25th anniversary.



Group pictured August 15, 1953: Bizzy, Harry Hines Jr., Frances, Jim Sampson, Helen; Center: Doreen and Jim Sampson Jr. Front: John and Jo Ann Hines, Andrea Sampson.

Picture taken spring of 1958 at the coffee bar of the Curling Club, showing a member, aged 80 years, handing his dues to Frans, secretary of the club.

Group pictured May 11, 1958: Left to right, back row: Harry Hines Jr., Richard and Frances Sampson, Bizzy Hines, Frans, Helen, Debra Sampson, Alice Rick. Center: Jo Ann Hines, John Hines, Andrea Sampson, Patricia Rick. Front: Edward Hines. (Members of family group not pictured: Jim Sampson Jr. and Dee Sampson)

The Sampson children sitting on floor in front of fireplace, left to right, back row: James (Jim) Jr., Andrea, Doreen (Dee). Front: Richard, Debra (Debbie).



Alice Mae Rick married
 Joe Fearan 7/22/61.
 They live in Newark, N. J.
 where Joe is Sales Manager
 for Chun King, in the East.



ALICE MAE graduated from Hibbing High School and Junior College; earned her B. S. in Home Economics from Iowa State College at Ames in 1939; taught two years; was Food Demonstrator at Macys, New York City; Director of Consumer Relations for Rockwood Chocolate Co., N. Y., during the war; married MARK A. RICK of Wausau, Wisconsin, in Chicago, September 4, 1942. Mark, a graduate of University of Wisconsin, Madison, was in the Army, Field Artillery, and was discharged April 18, 1946. He was a Certified Public Accountant (C. P. A.); Comptroller for a chemical company in Jersey City at the time of his death, February 22, 1957. He is buried at Hibbing, Minnesota. They had an apartment in New York City.

Patricia arrived January 25, 1949. Alice Mae gave up working at the time of her marriage, until after Mark's death. Now she is with Chun King, Duluth, Minnesota. We reproduce a portion of a Chun King ad, one of several appearing in leading magazines. She appears on TV and radio, both in Minneapolis and Duluth—recently to explain the wild rice harvesting and new processing plant at Nett Lake.

A point of interest. Alice Mae received a gold engraved invitation from the White House—Mrs. Truman inviting her to tea January 30, 1948. She went. Women of the Press were also there.

Shown here is Mark Rick at their Lake George, N. Y. summer cabin, the summer before he passed away.

Alice Mae played violin in both junior and senior high school. She was assistant drum major and went to Winnipeg with the band. She is pictured here in her uniform.

FRANCES HELEN graduated from Hibbing High School and Junior College; received her degree from the University of Minnesota in 1942, Medical Technology; married same year to JAMES T. SAMPSON from Hibbing, who had been graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in Business Administration. He worked for Cloquet Wood Products, and then the Armed Services. While stationed at Albuquerque, Frances practiced her profession in a hospital there for eight months; then went to San Antonio, Texas, to be near Kelly Field where Jim was; then to Oklahoma City. When he was sent to Guam she returned to Hibbing and worked as a chemist in the Erie Mining Co. chemical laboratory for the duration.

Upon Jim's return he worked as bookkeeper for Chun King, Iron River, Wisconsin; accounting department, Oliver Mining Co., Hibbing, 1948-53; Assistant Purchasing Agent, Oliver Mining Co., Duluth, since 1953. Their home



Sampson home



*James + Frances
in high school*

in Duluth is pictured here. They attend the Episcopal Church and are active with youth groups. Their son Jim Jr. was elected president of the State Episcopal Young People's organization last December. He was a sophomore at East High in Duluth, playing basketball and in the band, besides being in the accelerated class at school. Dee is also in the upper 10%

Frances and James played in the high school band at Hibbing and took trips to World's Fair in Chicago, to Winnipeg and New York with the band. They are shown here in their band uniforms, 1938. Frances played clarinet. She also plays piano and sings in the church choir.

Children: James Thomas, 1942; Doreen Helen, 1944; Andrea Ruth, 1948; Richard Frans, 1955; Debra Marie, 1956.

ELIZABETH JEAN (Biz) was graduated from Hibbing High School, 1946; Hibbing Junior College, 1948; was bookkeeper at Co-op; married HARRY H. HINES JR., 1948. Harry, a native of Kelly Lake, graduated from high school there and is now a brakeman with Great Northern Railroad. They have nearly completed building a home out of Superior, Wisconsin. Their address is Box 65, South Range, Wisconsin.

Elizabeth plays piano, sang in choir, took pipe organ lessons, sews nicely. Children: Jo Ann Helen, 1949; John Harry, 1951; Edward David, 1956.



Frans and Helen, 1958



Above: Stuart and Russell, 1948. Left: Ernest, Stuart, Mildred and Russell, 1938. Center: Ernest, 1944.

ERNEST

HEAD OF BRANCH—Ernest Aldon Nordstrom.

BORN—February 7, 1898 at Father's farm, three miles north of Walnut Grove, Minn.

EDUCATION—Attended grade school in the district 22 one-room "country" building, located three miles from home.

The first year of high school was spent at Slayton, Minn. Here brother Frans had previously attended two years of high school and graduated in this, his third year. As would be expected, the two brothers roomed together during the year.

The second year of high school was taken at Redwood Falls, Minn. (the county seat). The shift of schools was primarily due to a well liked manual arts teacher, at Slayton, accepting a similar position at Redwood Falls. Since the distance from home was approximately the same, and brother Frans had gone on to college, it was natural to follow the highly regarded instructor to the new location.

The third and fourth years of high school were spent at Menominee, Wisconsin. Brother Frans had enrolled at Stout Institute, Menominee, Wisc., the previous year and now recommended Menominee Technical High School which used the well equipped college shops for manual arts. Again the brothers roomed together for a school year as Frans received his diploma after spending two years at Stout. High school graduation occurred in May, 1917.

College was started at the University of Minnesota in the fall of 1918 as a member of the Naval Section of the R.O.T.C. Upon signing of the Armistice, November 1918, and release from active service of World War I, a course in mechanical engineering was continued with graduation in June 1922 (B. S. degree). At the University he was chosen as a member of "Pi Tau Sigma," an honorary mechanical engineering fraternity.

WIFE—Married school teacher, Mildred Minnie Ahlf, daughter of August and Catherine Ahlf of Le Sueur, Minn. on June 17, 1922.

CHILDREN—Stuart Stanley and Russell Eugene.

ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS—Ernest: Member "Edwardsville Community Chest Board" past 17 years, Co-Drive Chairman one year; Member Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America, eight years; Chairman committee at Church (past 2 years) to audit and prepare yearly financial and accomplishments report; Charter member and president of local chapter "Toastmasters International." Enjoys woodworking, fishing, flower raising. Mildred: Chaplain of De Molay Mothers. Enjoys ceramics, walking and home. Both Mildred and Ernest are members of the Evangelical Church.

OCCUPATION—Senior Engineer, Shell Oil Co. Refinery, Wood River, Illinois.
RESIDENCE—312 “M” St., Edwardsville, Ill., since 1936.



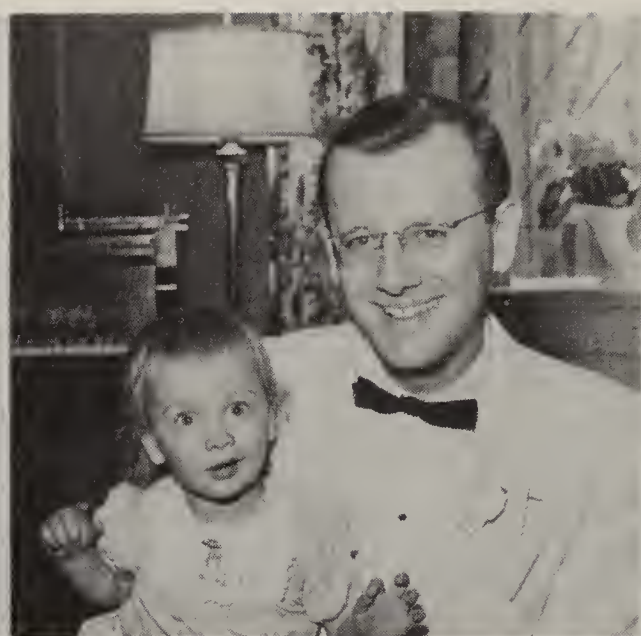
Above: Ernest and Mildred, 1950. Left, top: Ernest, Mildred, 1949. Center: with Ann Louise, first grandchild, 1952. Lower: with Keith, first grandson, 1957.

STUART STANLEY

BORN—March 3, 1926, at La Crosse, Wisconsin.

EDUCATION—Attended the first four years of grade school at Hammond, Indiana. The remainder of grade school and high school was completed at Edwardsville, Illinois, where he graduated in June, 1944.

In the fall of 1946, he entered Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, as a pre-dental student. In the fall of 1949 he was accepted as a student in the Washington University School of Dentistry. He received the degree of “Doctor of Dental Surgery” in June, 1953.



Above: Ann Louise and Stuart, 1953. Left: Mary, Stuart, 1950. Right, top: 1952. Lower: Mary with Ann Louise, 1952.

Immediately upon graduation he took the Missouri State Board dental examination and shortly thereafter the Colorado test at Denver. Both tests were passed, with the privilege to practice dentistry.

WIFE—Married Mary Elizabeth Pfau, daughter of Edward and Ruth Pfau of Lincoln, Illinois, on June 11, 1950. Mary was graduated from high school at Lincoln, Ill. in 1941 and had been employed as secretary for Shell Oil Co. at Wood River, Ill.

ARMED FORCES—Following graduation from high school in June, 1944 he was called into the Army. Upon completion of basic training in the states he was shipped to the European theatre of operations. Here he was in active combat as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Glider Unit.

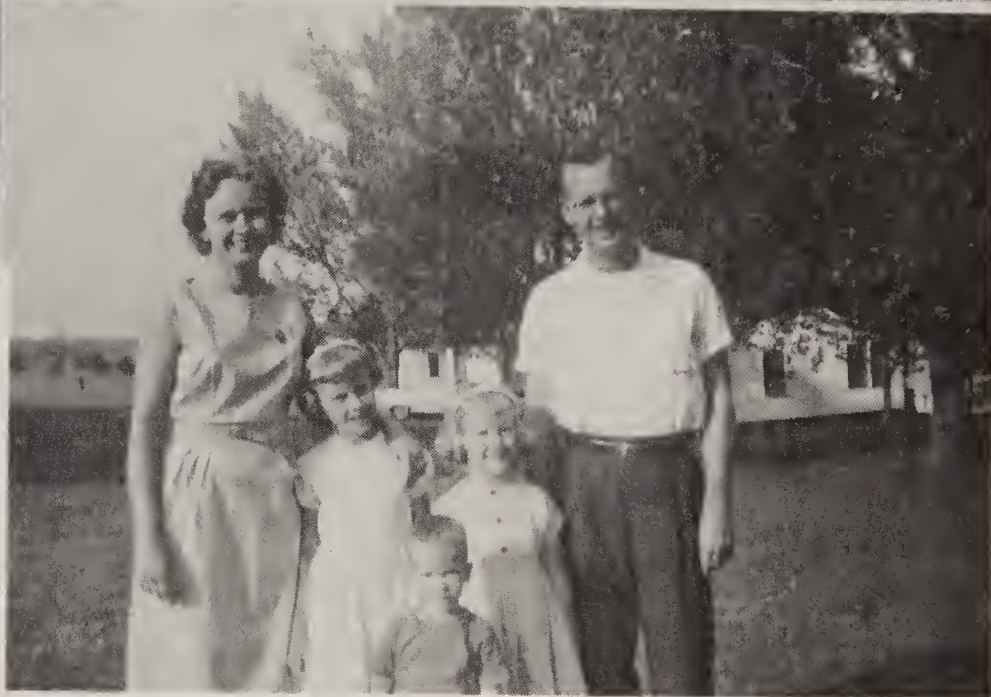
As the armistice was declared he was with a unit on the South bank of the Elbe River in Germany. A contingent of Russian troops, coming down from the North, was encamped on the opposite side of the river. Although language was a distinct barrier, the Russians readily conveyed their belief that the longer barreled rifle used by their troops was a far superior weapon. A nightly form of amusement for the Russians was to release a German prisoner or two into the waters of the Elbe and without mercy shoot them for target practice.

CHILDREN—Ann Louise, born at St. Louis, Mo., 2/21/52; Janet Elaine, born at Denver, Colo., 7/8/54; James Allan, born at Denver, Colo., 3/19/57.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS—Stuart: American Dental Association, Colorado Dental Association; Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity; Awarded Eagle Scout rank in Scouting; Enjoys golfing, bowling, fishing and stamp collecting. Mary: Homemaking, bowling. Both Stuart and Mary are graduates of the Dale Carnegie course in speaking.

OCCUPATION—Practicing dentist, 353 South Sheridan Ave., Denver, Colorado.

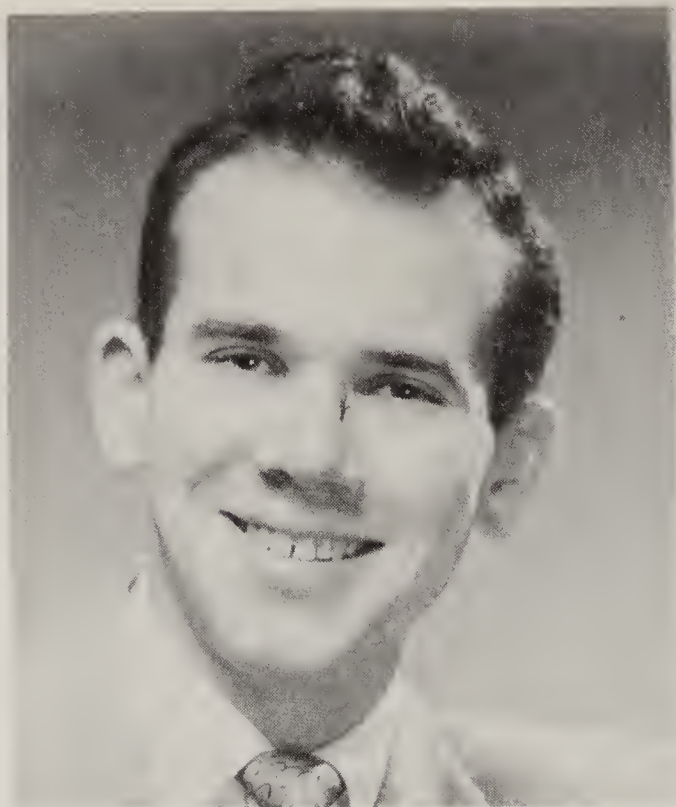
RESIDENCE—2594 South Wolff St., Denver 19, Colorado.



Above: Mary, Stuart, Janet and Ann with new baby, James Allan, 1957. Upper right: Home in Denver. Right: The family at Balsam Lake, Wisc., 1959. Below, left to right: Ann, Janet, James, 1958.

Thomas Eugene, born 12/7/61





RUSSELL EUGENE

BORN—March 15, 1932 at Hammond, Indiana.

EDUCATION—Elementary and secondary at Edwardsville, Ill., being graduated in 1949; Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from College of Engineering, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, 1953.

WIFE—Married Vivian Ruth Uana, born at Lisle, Ill., September 6, 1933, home at Downers Grove, Ill., on June 6, 1953. At the time of her marriage, Vivian was a Home Economics major at Purdue University, having completed two years. She had completed high school at Downers Grove, in 1951.

ARMED FORCES—24 months Basic and C I C (Counter Intelligence Corps), 1954-56.

CHILDREN—Keith David, born at Concord, California, 3/4/57; Kathryn Ruth, born at Concord, Calif., 7/23/59.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS—Russell: Purdue University Gimlet Club, '52 & '53, Iron Key, '53; Theta Tau Fraternity; Hillcrest Congregation Church, Pleasant Hill, California; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; Enjoys wood-working, gardening (flowers), golf. Vivian: Sigma Kappa Sorority; Hillcrest Congregational Church; Enjoys sewing and homemaking.

OCCUPATION—Engineer, Shell Oil Co. Refinery, Martinez, California.

RESIDENCE—1286 Redwood Dr., Concord, California.

Pictured are Vivian and Russell on their wedding day, 1953; Vivian with Ernest and Mildred, same day; their home at Concord; son Keith David, age nine months.





It is remembered among the rural Walnut Grove relatives that Frans once took his daughters to view farm animals, when Frances was very young. He showed them the hen house, calling their attention to the nests where the hens lay the eggs. Then he took them to the hog barn, explaining that we get our bacon from hogs, whereupon Frances eagerly requested, "Let's see the nests where they lay the bacon."



EDYTHER

EDYTHER (Edith) Vivian, first daughter, fourth child of Axel and Mathilda Nordstrom, was born at the farm home north of Walnut Grove, May 25, 1900. She attended school at district 22, church and Sunday School at the Lutheran Church northwest of the farm home.

We are sorry that the original of the picture reproduced here was damaged, but it is the earliest likeness of Edythe that we could locate, and a happy looking picture of both sisters. The picture in white dress was probably taken at the time of Edythe's confirmation and shows a lovely embroidered dress. The third pictures Edythe by Alice's Ford, August 26, 1932.

On November 28, 1918 Edythe married HAROLD E. BRUNER, born March 10, 1900 at Belden, Nebraska, and educated in the public schools there. They made their home at Huron, South Dakota, where Harold was employed as yard-master for Chicago and Northwestern Railway.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS, HOBBIES: Harold: First Methodist Church; past master, Huron Lodge 26 A F & A M; Huron Chapter no. 10 R A M; Huron Council R and S M; La-Co-Tah Commandery no. 6 Knights Templar, and past commander of the Commandery. Member and past president of Brotherhood of Ry. Trainmen. Hobby, golf. Edythe: Member of the Methodist Church; Eastern Star and Huron Unit of Twin City Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, in which she's very much interested. Member and past president, Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Ry. Trainmen; was chairman of her circle in 1954 and 1955. Hobbies: Golf, bridge, ceramics and sewing.

Dennis C. was born to Edythe and Harold in 1920. He enjoyed spending time with his grandparents in Walnut Grove and they looked forward to his being there. Pictures reproduced here are just a few which show their many happy times together.



Harold passed away September 10, 1958, from a heart attack. He was buried in Huron, where he had lived most of his life. After spending some time in California, Edythe returned to Huron where she continues to maintain her home.



Above: Bruner home in Huron.

Left: Alice with Dennis.



Pictures shown here include Harold and Edythe. The first picture was taken when the family gathered at Downers Grove, Illinois, for Russell's wedding, June 1953. Left to right as faces appear: Mildred, Edythe, Ernie, Alice, Harold, Melvin. The second picture was taken much earlier—notice that Russell is a little boy, sitting on car. Left to right, back row: Russell, Frances, Grandma. Middle row: Ernest, Mildred, Alice, Elizabeth (in front of her Grandma). Front. Harold, Melvin with Roger, Stuart, Grandpa.

DENNIS C., only child of Edythe and Harold Bruner, was born at Huron, South Dakota, July 10, 1920. He attended elementary and secondary school in Huron, graduating in 1938. After two years at Huron College and one year at Minneapolis School of Art, he served (1942-46) as a navy officer in World War II. On return to civilian life he continued his schooling at the University of Nebraska, where he was graduated with a B.S. degree in 1947.



Above: Dennis, 1940. Left: Dennis, 1944. Lower left: Suzy, Myra, Dennis, Michael, 1959.

Matthew Jon, born 12/31/60

He worked for Buchanan-Thomas Advertising Agency in Omaha, on layout and copy, from 1947 to 1956. Since 1956 he has been Advertising Manager for Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc., Stockton, California.

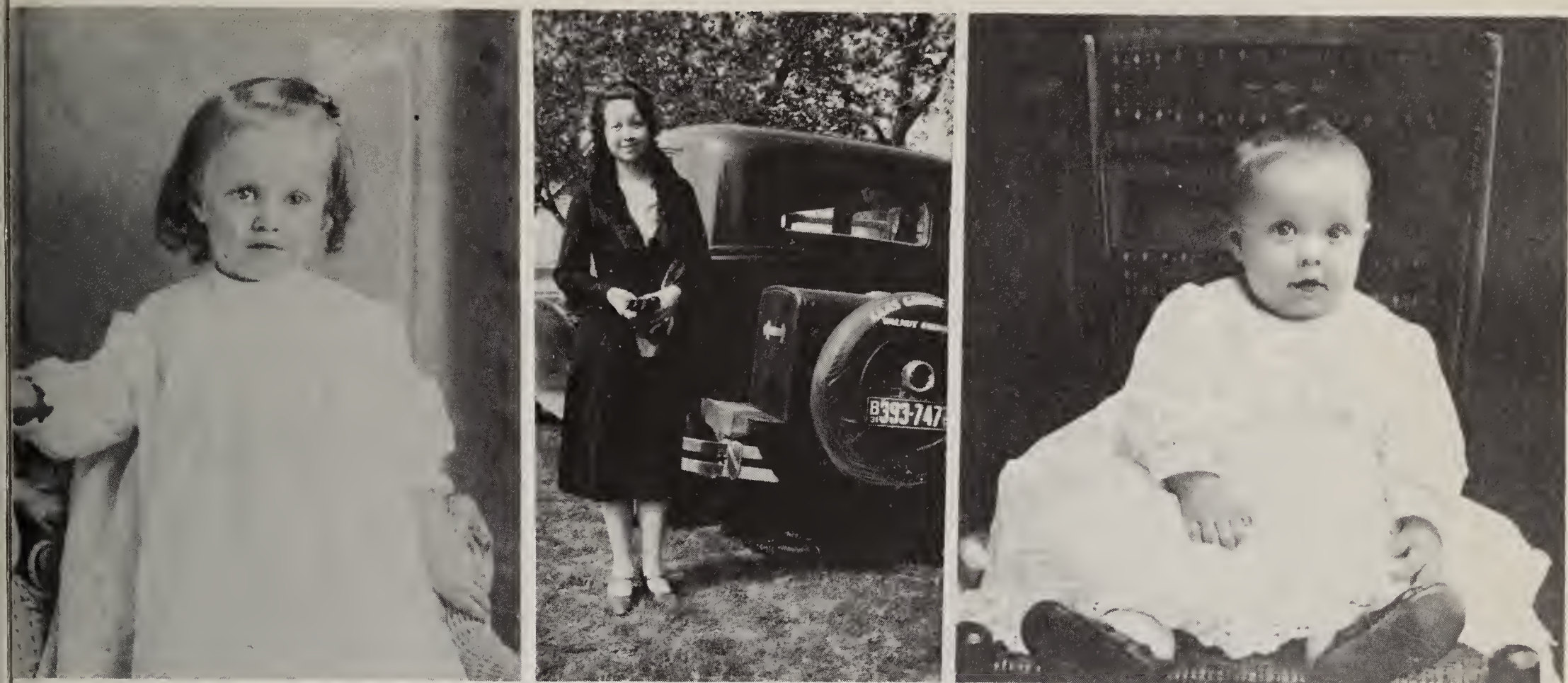
On June 19, 1949 Dennis and MYRA DORINE DOCKWILER were married. She was born at Colon, Nebraska, October 28, 1927, attended rural elementary school, Cedar Bluffs High School, and had one year at Midland College in Fremont. Myra worked as secretary and I.B.M. accountant for insurance companies for ten years.

Children: Karen Sue (Suzy), July 31, 1954; Michael Lee, July 23, 1956.

All are members of the Episcopal Church. Dennis belongs to Toastmasters International, is club president and area governor. He enjoys golf, bridge and all sports. While in high school he earned letters in football and baseball.

Myra enjoys gardening, bridge and sports, playing on a girls' softball team.

Pictured here 1) —Dennis, 1940; 2)—Dennis, March 12, 1944; and 3) —Left to right: Suzy, Myra, Dennis, Mike, January 1, 1959.



ALICE

Being several years younger than her brothers and sister, Alice Winnifred grew up more or less alone, sometimes a little lonely. She was born at Walnut Grove, January 14, 1909, was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she also attended Sunday School, worship services and Vacation Bible School. She attended elementary school at Tracy and Walnut Grove; graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1927.

Alice attended Gustavus 1927-29, majoring in music; was a member of the Schumann Ladies' Chorus, Trios and other musical groups; did a good deal of accompanying—as she had also done in high school. During the 1929-30 school year, she studied at Minneapolis College of Music.

After college, Alice gave piano lessons at Walnut Grove and continued the same at Westbrook for a while after marriage. She served as church organist at Trinity Lutheran in Walnut Grove and at Trinity Lutheran in Westbrook much of the time through the years.

On June 30, 1934 Alice married MELVIN KLASSE, born at Westbrook June 21, 1908, and educated in elementary and secondary schools there. He grew up on a farm, worked his way through the University of Minnesota, graduating from the University Embalmers School in 1929. Two years later he owned the Westbrook funeral business, and also continued to help his father on the farm.

After his marriage, Melvin was appointed postmaster in Westbrook, which position he held 61½ years. During this time he also served as mayor. He took flying lessons in the 40's and has since piloted his own plane. He is a former apiarian (bee keeper). Melvin has been Cemetery Board chairman for twenty years; former bank president, present bank director. In 1943 he was interviewed for listing in "Who's Who in Minnesota."

Melvin is a very aggressive business man, is now a Ford dealer as well as Funeral Director, so operates a busy garage handling many top lines of farm machinery. He is very civic minded; has been instrumental in bringing new business to town, as well as the hospital here and is now one of the promoters of a rest home in the community. He likes bowling and traveling.

Alice has been in Girl Scout work for some time, having been neighborhood chairman the last four years. She assists at funerals, with flowers and services to the family. She is chairman of Local Concert Association; member of local Salvation Army Board; member of Federated Club, has held offices in the local club; member of church Ladies Aid, former secretary. Alice, Melvin and family are all actively interested in the church, members of Trinity Lutheran in Westbrook.

Children: Roger Lee, James (Jim) Allan, Marilyn Louise.

Alice writes, "As a family, we have done considerable traveling. For several years we took trips during the Holiday vacation—to California, Texas, New Orleans, Florida and the East. We enjoy music together. Melvin plays clarinet and we often do a little improvising together. The children are all musical."



The Klases at Christmas time, 1946. Back: Roger, Jim. Front: Melvin, Marilyn, Alice.

Marilyn, Jim and Roger at Christmas, 1946.

Pictured here are Alice, Melvin and family on one of their winter vacation trips, this time posing by their station wagon with Pearson's Dallas residence in the background. Left to right, back: Hilma, Alice, Melvin, Roger, John. Front: Irene, Marilyn, Jim.

Melvin and Alice pose at a "sample fair" the Westbrook businessmen sponsored in 1945.

Picture at left shows the old funeral home with Klasse residence to the right of it. Picture at right shows the new funeral home and residence unit. Chapel is at left and living quarters to the right.



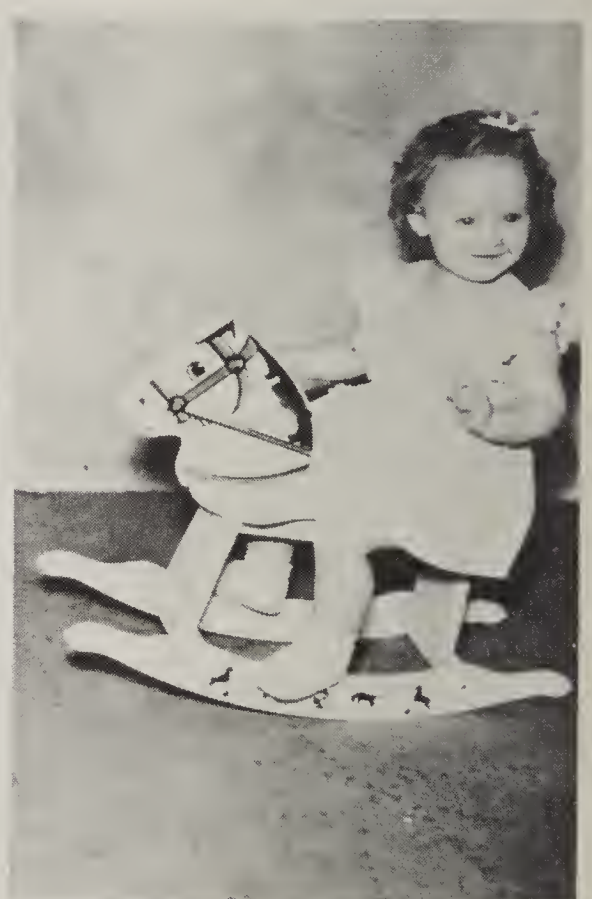
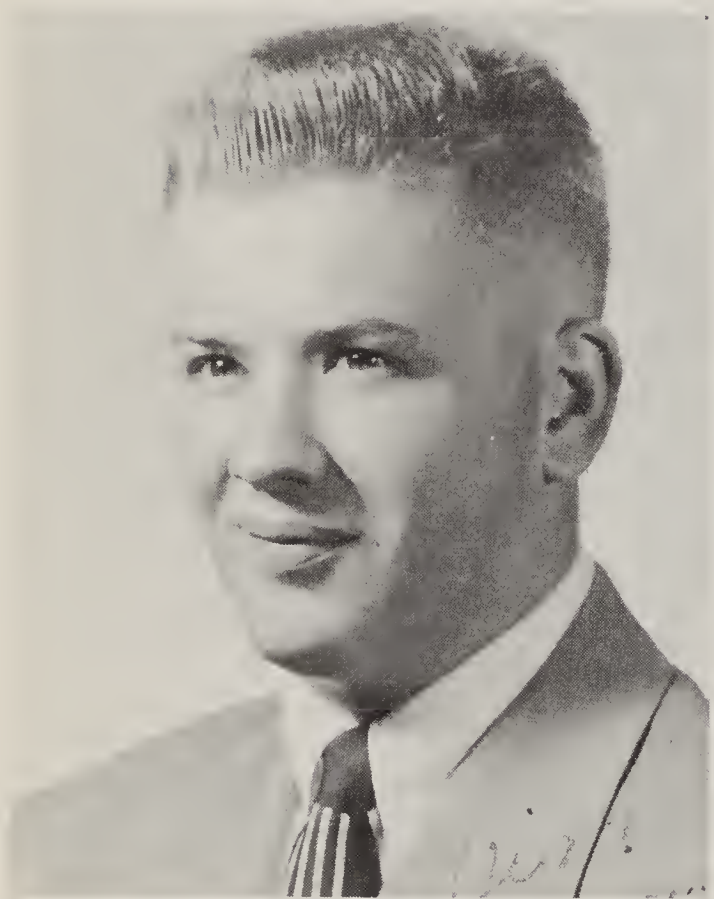
ROGER was born at Westbrook, September 2, 1935. He was graduated from Westbrook High School in 1953; attended Gustavus one year; two years at University of Minnesota Embalmers School, graduating in 1956.

On February 11, 1956, he married SHARON BERTELS, born at Slayton June 27, 1935; graduated as valedictorian from Slayton High School, 1953; attended Macalaster College two and a half years. She has since been employed as secretary-bookkeeper at Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis and at Klasse Sales and Service in Westbrook. At present she is with Roger in Virginia.

Roger worked with his father as mortician and Ford salesman until going into the army. He is now stationed at Prince George, Va., Graves Registration division. Roger and Sharon own their own home in Westbrook, where they lived for a time. They have announced the arrival of their daughter, Leigh Allison, weight 8 lbs. 11½ oz., born September 22 at Fort Lee, Va., Army Hospital.



Roger and Sharon are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook, where Sharon was treasurer of L. D. R. Roger was also secretary of the Westbrook Commercial Club. Sharon was accompanist for the high school chorus three years. Roger enjoys golfing and swimming; has good baritone voice; played trombone in U. of Minnesota Marching Band and in Dorm Band.



*James married Margaret Chadwick,
born 4/20/40 at Preston, Idaho, on
November 27, 1960.*

JAMES (Jim) was born at Slayton April 25, 1939; graduated from Westbrook High School, 1957; student at Mankato State College, working at father's garage during vacations. As last of this family history goes to press, Jim has just completed the six months program in U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He has a good tenor voice; likes to listen to records; played cornet in high school. Hobby: Motors—races in stock car races at Lynd Speedway, Marshall Fair, etc.

MARILYN was born at Windom February 2, 1946. She is now in the eighth grade, an "A" student; has good voice, sings solos frequently; plays flute; loves to read; an active Girl Scout.

Elena



Marvin
 Donna Mae[†]
 David
Debra
 Roger to
 Erla
 Wallace
 Dorothy to
 Wm Rozum
 Lorie Jean
 Barbara to
 Lowell Simpson
 Ruth Diane
See Ann Carol
 Robert
 Tim
 Geoffrey
 Kristine
Eric George
 Ernest to
 Isabelle Kreidler
 Doris to
 James Olson
 Jimmy
 Paul
 John (Jack) to
 Bernice Nelson
 Ronald
 John (Jack)
 Bradley
 Janice to
 Richard Phillips
 Barry
 Patricia
 Randall
 Marjorie to
 John Eliason
 Edna to
 John Haley
 Iva to
 Ervin Suker
 Robert
 Donald
 Ethel to
 Chester Balser
 Robert to
 Virginia Snyder
 Donald
 Melody Kay
Melinda Rae
 Shirley
 Winnie to
 Edwin Bengtson
 Beverly to
 Marvin Henrichs
 Carlene
 Ronald
 David
 Harry to
 Gladiva
 Swenson
 Sylvia to
 John Nachbor
 Steven
 Rebecca
 Margaret
 Carol
 Chris David



C. S. Andersen



Elina Nordström
Lena

ELENA

The oldest of Nils and Anna Nordstrom's daughters who grew to womanhood was Elina, commonly known as Lena. After her arrival in America it seems that the spelling changed to Elena. She was born at the parental home in Härslöv's parish, Skåne, Sweden. Her life in Sweden was much like that of other girls of her time. After completion of her schooling and confirmation, she earned her own living by working away from home.

In the year 1888, when Elina was nineteen, her seventeen year old brother, Olof, became set on joining his brothers in America. Their parents were unwilling to let him go alone, but did give their consent when his sister decided that she would accompany him. Lena was quite mature for her age and was considered capable of looking out for herself and her "kid brother."

As Nels and Axel before them had done, Lena and Olof went first to the home of their Aunt Hannah, near Walnut Grove, Minnesota. She helped them find employment, Olof on a farm near Walnut Grove and Lena at a home in Tracy.

Lena was a peppy girl who had many masculine admirers but was not seriously interested in anyone until a young Danish immigrant, Chris Andersen, came along. It is not certain whether his name was originally Chresten or Christian, probably the former. He used the initials C. S. in most business dealings. His second name was Sofus. He was the son of Chresten and Kjersten Andersen of Melby, Denmark. His paternal grandfather was Anders Christensen.

Lena and Chris were married in 1896 and took up residence in Slayton, Minnesota, where Chris worked as a blacksmith. Later they lived in Garvin and then on farms near Milaca and near Barrett. They retired in Elbow Lake, where both passed away and are buried in Union Cemetery. Lena passed away May 3, 1956, from infirmities of old age. Chris suffered infirmities of old age, strokes and finally pneumonia. He passed away February 6, 1959. They were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake. When asked about Lena's interests and activities, one of her children listed, "Ladies Aid of the Church and her Neighbors." Under memberships, for Chris, she listed, in addition to the church, "Masonic Lodge, which he held in high esteem."

Children: Ernest, Edna, Iva, Ethel, Winnie, Harry.



Ernest, Iva, Edna.

Chris shoes a horse while Ernest, right, watches

Below, left to right: Ernest, Ethel, Edna, Iva; Ernest, Edna, Iva, Chris, Elena, Winnie, Harry. 1933.

For a picture of Lena we shall quote from several who have written concerning her.

FROM DORIS HALEY OLSON:

I was the first grandchild of Lena Nordstrom and Christ Andersen, plus being their Godchild. I have many cherished memories of their part in my life.

After graduating from high school, I was offered a job at the court house in Elbow Lake, where my grandparents lived, and I spent the next four years with them before going to the West Coast to do my part in helping to win the war via defense plants.

I could write reams about my grandmother, her ways and quips, but will try to condense my reflections into a few lines.

Grandmother had beautiful dark eyes and a keen sense of humor. She was generous to a fault, and never complained. She ironed beautifully and baked delightful apple pies for us and the neighbors.

Grandmother desired little of material things for herself, but there was always "money in the teacup" for treats for her grandchildren. In later years I gave her gifts, many of which found their way back to me. I eventually resorted to mostly flowers as gifts, keeping in mind Grandmother's oft repeated statement, "Don't send flowers to my funeral. Flowers are for the living."



She did her work in an easy manner, and had time left to visit, often those who were ill or less fortunate than she—with whom she shared any goodies or gifts she might have at the moment.

There were always lemon drops or peppermints in the candy dish on the buffet, and a cup of coffee on the stove for company—which she loved. She loved God, and one of my most vivid memories is that of her sitting on the davenport, toward evening, wearing her dark rimmed glasses and reading her Bible.

One of her favorite sayings, if she were going out, to anyone left behind, was, "Don't get in the sugar." (Meaning, mischief). And still another, if called on for an opinion when she preferred not to be quoted, was "The wise keep still." I found that she, as my parents, grew increasingly wise with each passing year.

Probably the saddest day of my life was the day of Grandmother's funeral, which I was unable to attend.

FROM WINNIE:

Elena Nordstrom was of a jolly disposition, even though she wasn't accustomed to the luxuries of life which we call necessities today.

When the children and grandchildren came home at Christmas time she would circle them around in the kitchen and sing, "Nu är de Jul igen, efter jul så kommer påskan; nej det är inte sant, för däremellan har vi fastan." (This was a circle dance common in Swedish homes. There were many stanzas, naming the special days of the church year in order. It was commonly sung as the family joined hands and circled the Christmas tree, with a hippety-hop step. Nils Nordstrom led his family in this dance-song every Christmas Eve in their home in Sweden. Editor)

After moving to Elbow Lake Lena took a keen interest in reading books and was a regular visitor at the library, sometimes reading two or three books a week. Doris Haley, her oldest grandchild, stayed with them four years while working in Elbow Lake. They were of the same fun-loving disposition, and Lena called Doris her "seventh child."

EDNA ADDS A LINE TOO: Yes, Doris and her grandmother were real pals. There was a battle of wits when they were together and we didn't know what to expect. Mother was known among her neighbors as quite a wit. They always expected to get a few laughs when she was around. She had been quite ill for about three weeks at the last, but the day before she passed away a dear friend came in. They were so happy to see each other and exchanged greetings and a few pleasantries. As the lady was about to go, Mother gave her a cheery wave with her hand and said gaily, "See you in heaven." It was not sad, it was as she wanted it to be.

Edna, Winnie, Harry, Iva,
Ethel. 1952.



Ernest, Iva, Edna, Ethel, Winnie,
Harry. 1959.



There once was a man from Denmark came,
To Minnesota, to lay his claim,
And there he met a loving wife
With whom he was to spend his life.

Her name was Elena and his was Chris,
Together they made a marriage of bliss.
Side by side they did work and toil,
For their small farm, of rich, black soil.

But even then, it was not complete
For there was a lack of small pink feet.
Then at last—a child did come,
It was Ernest, the first-born son.

Then came Edna and Iva, of course,
Ethel and Winnie—not a sign of remorse.
For there was yet to be one more—
So Bud made six—if you care to score.

They all grew up, in this wonderful home,
But then came a time when all must roam.
They all did marry, and families did have,
Raised with the usual liniment and salve.

How many there are now, is hard to guess
But all of the families were doubly blessed.
Ernest and Edna at the Lake did stay,
All the rest have moved away.

Ethel and Iva went to Idaho
Winnie and Bud to the cities did go.
Three cheers for this man, who from Denmark came—
For he has left an honored name,

ANDERSEN.

by Virginia Balser

Top to bottom: 1. Andersen home in
Elbow Lake; 2. Lena with her children,
1922; 3. Lena and Judith; 4. Andersen
brothers and sisters, from left to
right, youngest to oldest. 1946.

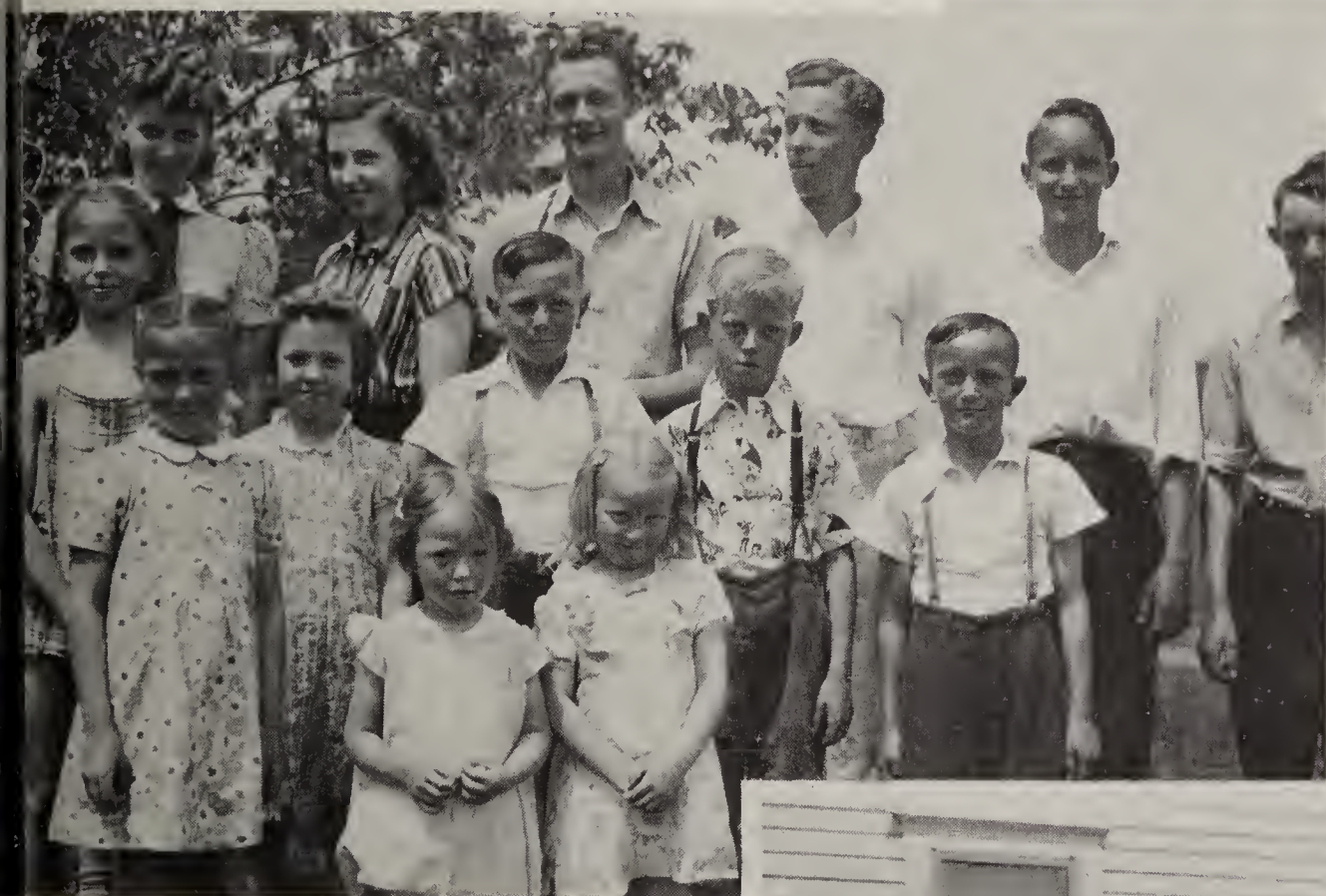


ANDERSEN GRANDCHILDREN



Above: Doris Haley, Robert Suker, Jack Haley, Donald Suker, Janice Haley, Marvin Andersen. 1927.

Left, 1950.



Below: Wallace Andersen, Marjorie Haley, Janice Haley, Donald Suker, Doris Haley, Robert Suker, Jack Haley, Marvin Andersen, Roger Andersen, Beverly Bengtson. In front, Dorothy Andersen. 1934.



Above: Don Suker, Jack Haley, Robert Suker, Doris Haley, Janice Haley, Marjorie Haley.





ERNEST

I was born August 15, 1897 at Garvin, Minnesota, the oldest of six children. My early childhood was spent at Garvin and Lake Sarah. The folks moved to Slayton in 1905, where we lived for eight years, until I completed grade school.

Dad had a blacksmith shop where I helped in my spare time. At first my greatest desire was to own a bicycle, which became my reward for helping. During winter the bob sleds came to town and then we used to hook rides on them as one of our pastimes.

My high school education was completed in Milaca. I enjoyed sports and played basketball and football. Dad had made a home-made sled and I used to hitch Old Dandy to the sled and take my four sisters to school. I never liked this mode of transportation as it meant extra work for me.

We moved to Barrett the spring of 1917, where I helped Dad on the farm until I met and married (October 4, 1924) ISABELLE KREIDLER of Herman.

Isabelle and I rented a farm for several years and bought our own in 1937, where we are still living. We have four sons and two living daughters, and experienced the many joys and sorrows of raising a family. Our interests are in home and family, all sports, church (members of the Methodist church) and lodge (Odd Fellows and Rebekah).

MARVIN EARL (September 21, 1925) and DONNA MAE (August 11, 1927), our two oldest children were great pals. Donna Mae was only five years old when she passed away from acute nephritis, but had been a little Mother to her two younger brothers, ROGER (March 14, 1929) and WALLACE ELROY (October 25, 1930). She helped dress the boys mornings and assisted in their care.

DOROTHY (October 1, 1932) and BARBARA JEAN (May 19, 1934) are next in line. They spent many happy hours in their play house out of doors. They baked mud pies, cookies, doughnuts, bread and rolls, and kept them neatly arranged in alphabetical order.

Six years later, August 31, 1940, our family was completed when ROBERT DEAN arrived.

The children all had their special duties to take care of, the boys helping with the work outside and the girls assisting their Mother.

Christmas Eve has always been a special occasion in our home, when we have had our own Christmas program, with each member taking part.

The children are either married or attending school except for our oldest son, who is at home and helps with the farming.

—Ernest Andersen.





1. Wallace and Roger, 1936; 2. Left to right as faces appear: Roger, Marvin, Robert, Wallace, Ernest. 1955; 3. Dorothy, Isabelle, Barbara. 1955.

Top of previous page: 1. Ernest; 2. Ernest, as high school graduate; 3. Isabelle, Ernest, 1949.

Bottom of previous page: 1. Andersen farm home; 2. Back row: Roger, Isabelle, Marvin. Front row: Robert, Barbara, Dorothy, Wallace. 1943.

Marvin received his elementary education in rural schools and was graduated from high school at Herman. He belongs to the Methodist church and Odd Fellows lodge; likes farming and fishing.

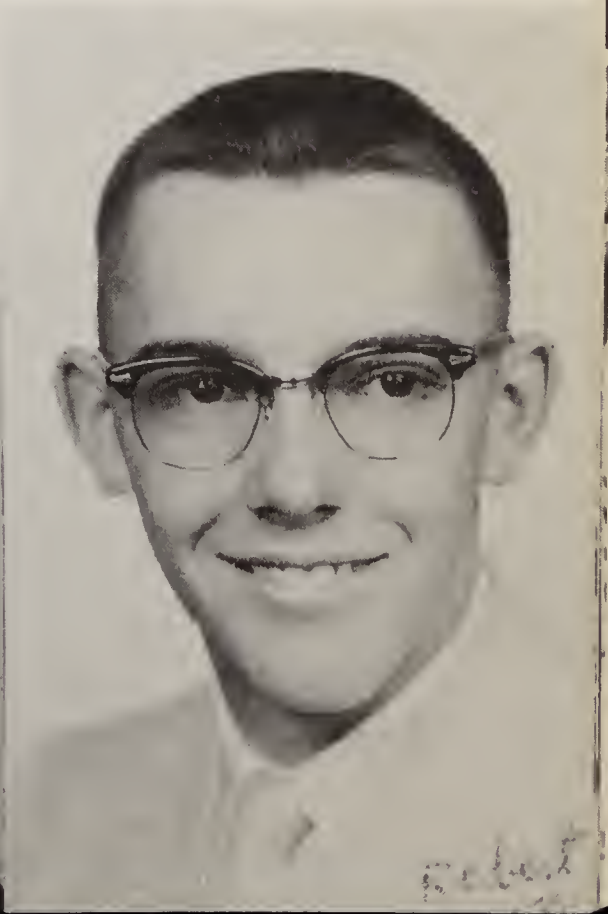
Roger was graduated from high school at Herman and had one year at Gustavus Adolphus College. He and his wife, ERLA, have two children: David Alan (September 29, 1954) and Debra Kay (September 6, 1955). They have a new home in St. Paul Park, St. Paul. Roger is a shipping clerk for John Wood Co., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Wallace completed elementary and high school at Herman, served in the U. S. Army, August 1954-56. At present he is a senior at the University of Minnesota Farm School. He is interested in basketball, football, baseball and track.

Following graduation from Herman High School, Dorothy completed a course at Minnesota School of Business and worked as private secretary at Kellogg Commission Co., Minneapolis, at Curtis Construction Co., Spokane, and, presently, Arizona Public Service, Phoenix. She married WILLIAM ROZUM of Edwardsville, Illinois, at Las Vegas, Nevada, September 27, 1958.



Left: Bill, Dorothy.
Below: David and Debra, 1957.
Right: Robert, 1958.





Barbara, Lowell
Ruth and Lorie
1959



Ernest and Isabelle's
number won first place
at Herman High School
Talent Show, 1958.



Bill Rozum, Isabelle and
Ernest, 1959.

William completed grades 1-12 at Edwardsville and a Civil Engineering course. He worked as florist at Alton, Illinois, served with the U. S. Army in Europe in 1944 and was employed as civil service Engineer, first in Alton, Illinois, and now in Phoenix. He is a member of the American Legion; enjoys carpentry work, painting, golf, bowling and swimming. Both William and Dorothy like animals and have a chow dog, Ming. They enjoy Phoenix and have bought their own home there. Dorothy likes to sing, play piano, cook and housework. She has traveled East and West coasts, likes movies and the outdoors.

After graduating as an honor student from Herman High School in 1952, Barbara was employed as secretary at Minneapolis Honeywell, in Minneapolis, until 1955, and then at the Grant Co. A. S. C. office until her marriage June 2, 1956, to LOWELL CHARLES SIMPSON, a high school classmate. They farm eight miles north of Chokio. They are members of the Methodist Church and Wesleyan League; Lowell serves on the Church Board. He is also an Oddfellow; enjoys reading and selling Pfeister seed corn. Barbara belongs to a local Homemakers' Club and likes to sew for her family.

Barbara and Lowell have two children: Lorie Jean, born April 2, 1957, and Ruth Diane, born December 17, 1958. *Dee Ann Carol, born 8/20/1961.*

Robert completed grades 1-12 at Herman and is now a student at N.D.A.C. at Fargo, North Dakota. In 1958 he was picked by the FFA as All State Farmer of Minnesota. He enjoys all sports and is a good athlete. In the Little 8 Conference he won 1st in 100 yd. dash, 1st in 220, and 1st in 440. He also took first at the District in the 220 yard.

Rozum home in Phoenix



Isabelle, Dorothy & Ming, 1959.





EDNA

Edna Mildred, the second child of Chris and Elena Andersen was born at Garvin, Minn. on March 30, 1899. This was a small village and we lived practically on main street and became well acquainted with all of the business people, who petted and spoiled us. A store keeper stayed with us for awhile and I recall how he used to hold us on his lap and tell us stories. I liked to dress up in some of mother's clothes. Sometimes I even got out of the house with mother's feather fan, and then I was a "real lady" going about visiting from place to place. We still keep in contact with and visit friends around Garvin,



1. Elena in Tracy, superimposed on fan referred to above.

2. Cousins Alice and Esther with that popular ice cream freezer.

Our family moved to Slayton, Minn., in time for me to start the first grade, where we were to spend the next eight years. During this period of time I remember going to Tracy and Walnut Grove to visit at the homes of our relatives and getting to know the cousins. Our aunts were always most cordial and tried to do things we would like or make good things to eat. I believe it was then I saw and had a ride in first car, one a neighbor had that was steered with a rod. Aunt Mathilda knew we youngsters loved ice cream so she would get out the freezer and we would help her turn it and soon we'd have a whole freezer of the most delicious ice cream. We'd make the rounds from one home to another, being equally welcomed at all. Uncle Axel was the jolly one and we have heard him tell many comical stories to make us laugh.

During this period of time our cousin, Franz Nordstrom spent three years with us while he went to High School.

Our family moved to Milaca in 1913, where I attended High School, taking a Normal Course the last year. I was then able to teach in the country schools near Barrett, where the family moved in 1917. I was not too far from home, so was home for week-ends where we all enjoyed being together.

On January 10, 1920, I became Mrs. JOHN HALEY. John was born at Shelby, Iowa on September 23, 1893, the third child of Thomas and Minnie Haley. There were seven children in the family. He and his brother Wilson learned farming at first hand from the time they were small. The family moved to a

farm east of Herman in 1910, the boys staying home to help until the time of their marriage. The Haleys are typical Irishmen, proud of their nationality. John has been a Mason for some time, usually holds an office and was Master for several years.

We have farmed in Grant county since our marriage, and are at present living on our place seven miles east of Herman on Highway 27. His family belonged to the Methodist Church and, that being his choice, I put in my name there too. I have been on the church board for many years and was president of the Women's Society for five years.

Our life seems to have been one primarily spent for the family. In the early years, the folks were still on the farm, Iva and Ernest were married and before long Winnie too married and we all lived close enough together to visit back and forth real often, to compare the latest doings and cute things the youngsters had said. Ervin, Iva and their two boys left for the West, but usually made a trip back here each year. That was a season of joy, picnics, pot luck dinners, and catching up on everyone. Ethel decided to go West with them one year; our younger brother Harry or "Bud" grew up too and was married.

John and I with our four children moved to a farm near Hoffman in 1931. We spent the depression years there; times were often difficult but being on the farm we could always live good. The family tells me now that they have fond memories of coming home to Mother in the kitchen, and such a fragrance of good food! Does anything ever taste so good as it does to youngsters coming home from school, to baked beans, Johnny cake, a big kettle of vegetable soup, fresh biscuits and bread, all plain food, but good.

They also say they were raised on "Hurlbut's Story of the Bible" for we went over those stories so many times during our evening sessions when they were small. If ever later on those stories came up they were always able to tell them as they had heard them so many times.

Our place there was declared an ideal place in which to grow up, close enough so that the children could attend school in town. We were pleased and proud that they all seemed to do well in school and they took part in many activities. We lived about a mile from Elk Lake, this being a wonderful place for youngsters. A group would come out from town, in an old truck, pick up our children and away they'd go for an hour or two of swimming, sometimes at the expense of work that should be done, but always the plea, "We'll do that when we get home!" Jack and the girls became very good at swimming. When a man from town lost his motor in the lake he inquired as to who would be best able to dive down to bring it up and he was told, "get Jack Haley." At the second attempt, up came Jack with the motor.



On sled: Janice, Jack.
On skis: Doris. 1948.

Below, left to right as faces appear: Ronnie, Jack, Edna, Janice, Doris, John, Marjorie.





Edna and John enjoy their grandchildren, 1959.

With Jimmy and Paul Haley.

With Doris and her daughter, Kristine.

With Timothy, Kristine and Geoffry Olson.

Our own family began to grow up and before we could realize it Doris left to work at Elbow Lake and Jack to attend Augsburg College. We purchased a farm near Herman, Janice worked in town for a time, and Marjorie finished school at Herman. Time passed so quickly and they too left the family home. We are alone again, our principal interest is waiting for some of the family to come home, to see the grandchildren, to catch up on how much they have grown, to hear about the new things they are saying, to enjoy and to love them. History repeats itself!

In addition to activities and interests mentioned, we might say that John enjoys hunting and fishing. Edna has been a member of Study Clubs and Home-maker groups. She enjoys sewing and fancy work, cooking and planning family meals for the days when their children and grandchildren come home. She also has a small stamp collection.

Edna and John sold their farm in September, 1959, and have bought a home at 1312 Douglas in Alexandria. They plan to move there in October.

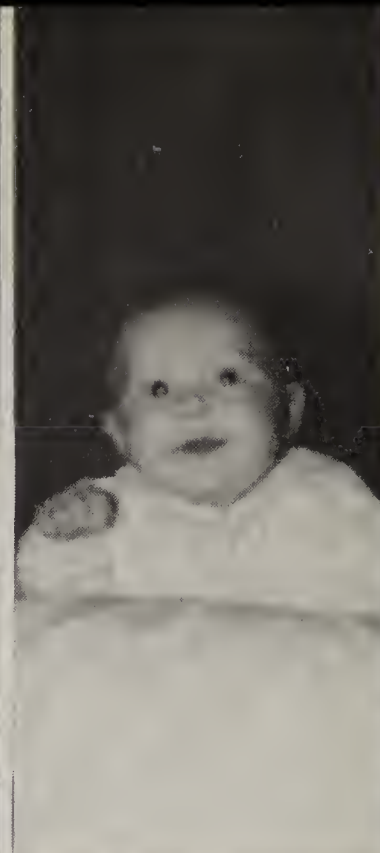
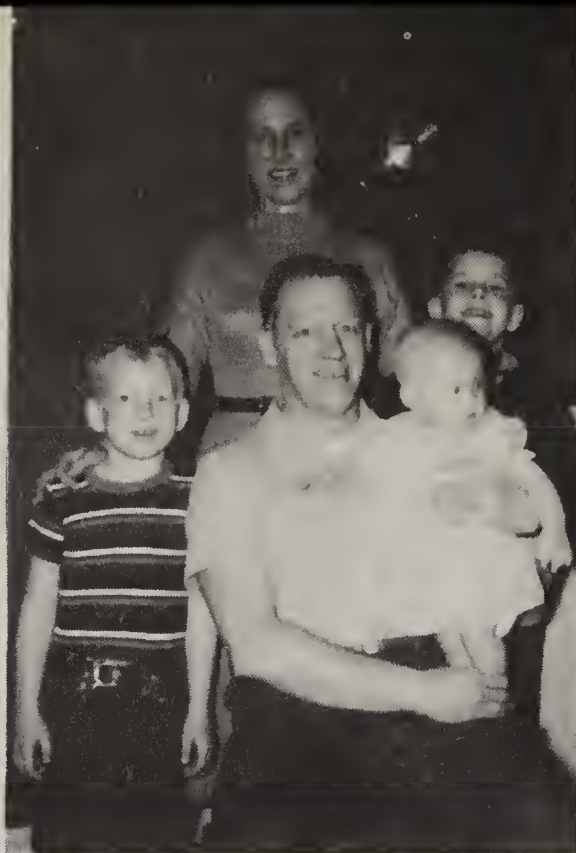
DORIS

DORIS was born June 18, 1921, the first child of John E. Haley and his wife, Edna. It has been told that John looked at the new baby and said, "Shucks, I wanted a boy."

Haley farm home at Herman

New home in Alexandria





Above: Tim, Doris, Jim, Kristine, Geof. 1958.
Upper left: Geof, Tim. 1957.
Lower: Olson home in Vancouver, Washington.
Second right: Kristine at two months.
Right: Jim and son Tim. 1958.

Eric George, born March 16, 1960.

Doris tells us that some of the fondest memories of her childhood include the warm summer evenings when Dad was never too tired to play ball with his kids; or the snowy winter evenings when entering the house after school, to smell all the delicious odors emanating from the kitchen.

Doris' story of her grandparents necessarily includes some information about herself, and so we are skipping that portion in this account, but quote from Doris regarding her more recent years.

By 1943 my friends had scattered, due to World War II, and in the spring of the year I left for Seattle, where I went to work in a shipyard to do my small part in the war effort. It was an exciting experience to be a part of this war time city, bustling twenty-four hours a day, with people working around the clock and everyone rushing hither and yon.

At that time Seattle was expecting to be bombed by the Japs with each sun rise, putting up their barrage balloons every night and taking them down each morning. I still can remember the terror I felt once when ready for bed as dawn was breaking, having done my weekly washing following my swing shift on the job, I looked out over the valley and saw the balloons up for the first time. Not knowing what else to do, I went to bed, sure that the Japanese were expected that morning.

I was one of the three chosen during those years, from among the employees, to Christen a ship on which we had labored. It was a big day I shall never forget, breaking the champagne over the ship's bow, the bands, the speakers, the banquet in our honor, the roses I received as well as the lovely engraved silver coffee server.

With the end of the war, the shipyard, as such, closed and after a four month vacation in California, Mexico, the Southern States and Minnesota, I returned to Seattle and worked the next ten years for a large insurance firm in the financial district of Seattle. It was a new, glamorous and cosmopolitan life, and I have many pleasant memories of those years.

In June of 1956, I attended a convention where I met a man, recently widowed and the father of two handsome little boys. I had always scoffed at "Love at first sight" but here it was happening to me! In November of that year JAMES OLSON and I were married in the chapel of St. Paul's Lutheran

Church here in Vancouver, with Geof (almost four) holding my hand on one side and Tim (age six) holding his Daddy's hand on the other side. It was truly as Geof had informed the neighbors the night before, "Tomorrow, me and Tim are going to get married." He was a bit less happy the next day when he informed his grandmother that "Mommie and Daddy went to Mt. Hood on their honeymoon and I didn't get to go along, and I've *never even seen a honeymoon—I don't even know what one looks like.*"

We are busy with church and Sunday school. Grandpa Olson is superintendent of the Sunday School and the boys love to stay at Grandpa's the night before and help him set up chairs and put out the Hymnals. Uncle Tommie is the Scout Leader there and Uncle Carrol and Aunt La France sing in the choir. Grandma made all the confirmation robes and keeps the choir gowns in repair, and two cousins are acolytes. Our church is very important to us.

Tim is a busy cub scout and in the third grade. Geof is in kindergarten afternoons and is Mommie's helper in the morning. Daddy is a 1st Lt. in the Natl. Guard, besides his job at the post office. He is also chairman of the Stewardship Committee at church.

His hobbies are "cook in's" during bad weather and experimenting on the rotisserie on the patio when the weather permits. He enjoys gardening too, and we spend much time with our yard, as that is probably my favorite hobby too.

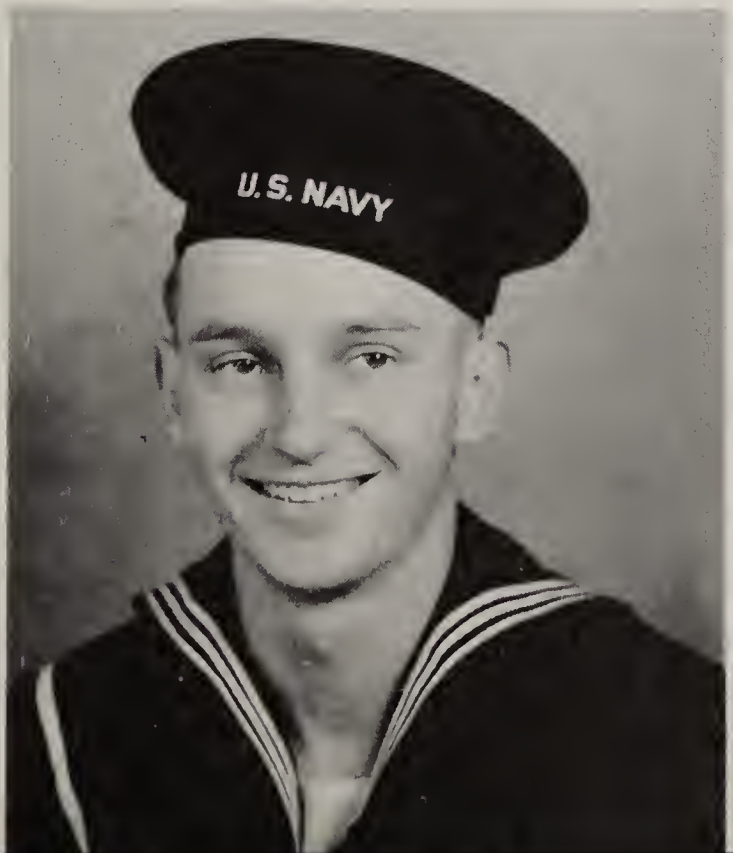
Last August 19th was a wonderful experience for my husband and me (fully conscious) as we watched our daughter, Kristine Lori, arrive in this big world. She is presently full of baby tricks and loves to laugh and play stooge for everyone, including wearing a battered cowboy hat and answering to the name of the current cowboy hero by cooing and banging on the tray of her high chair.

Besides keeping my happy bunch clean and full, I am taking a millinery course at Clark College, for my own amusement, and belong to a newly organized garden club.

JOHN (JACK)

JACK ROLAND, the second child of John and Edna Haley, was born September 5, 1923, at Herman, Minnesota. He had a rather difficult time in being an only boy with three sisters who thought he was quite a tease, but he managed to hold his own with them. He started school at Herman, but spent most of his first twelve school years at Hoffman, graduating from high school there.

He has always loved to fish, so our place proved to be to his liking, being so near Elk Lake. One morning when he was quite small, we heard him slipping downstairs about four o'clock, and out the door, setting out for the lake. Hours later he came home with a big bass saying happily, "The early bird catches the worm, can we have a picture of it?"





While at Hoffman the children took part in many activities, declamations and leads in speaking parts. Jack was valedictorian of his class and decided to use his scholarship at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He worked to help out. It is amusing to recall those days now.

After two years at college, Jack enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was placed in the medical corps in the Pacific. He served in the navy from October, 1943, to April, 1946. Was Pharmacist's Mate Second Class. He had many experiences, and entered Japan before returning on Christmas Eve three years later. That day is numbered among the happiest of our lives. Jack had been kept in San Francisco, waiting his turn to leave. His first words were, "Have you opened your gifts yet? Do you think Ricky (our dog) will remember me?" Of course, we hadn't opened the gifts, and Ricky was wild with joy.

Jack returned to Augsburg college to spend two more years and received his B.A. in 1948. Following this he spent two years as high school teacher of history and social sciences at Menahga, Minnesota. It was here that he met DR. BERNICE NELSON who, with her twin sister Dr. Bernette Nelson, was practicing medicine. They all thought that they would like to be in Minneapolis, and the girls moved to Richfield where they continued their practice. Jack met an old friend from Augsburg and joined him in the Pautz-Franklin Realty Co.

Jack and Bernice were married July 12, 1952. The girls continued to work for several years and Jack attended evening classes to study law. He earned his B.S.L. in 1953 and his L.L.B. in 1956, from William Mitchell College of Law. He made the highest score of the 57 who took the Minnesota State Bar Examination in March, 1957.

Bernice was born in Minneapolis, completed grades 1-12 at Swanville, Minnesota (graduating as valedictorian), earned her B.S. in 1941, her B.M. in 1943 and her M.D. in 1943—all from the University of Minnesota.

Not having a family of their own, Jack and Bernice applied for adoption of a boy. Before this request could be granted it was necessary for Bernice to give up her work. Two weeks later they received word that they could have Jimmy, who had been born August 23, 1956. We were so happy for them and loved little Jimmy. This year, June 29, 1958, their own little Paul arrived to complete the family circle. Jack was writing us a letter one evening not long ago and said that Paul was about to have his bottle, adding, "His mama thinks he's pretty cute. P.S. So do I."

They are members of the Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where Jack serves as church auditor and legal advisor. Last year he was one of three who rewrote the constitution of the church. He has been nominated as president of the congregation, to be voted on at their next annual meeting.

Both Jack and Bernice held offices in various student organizations in college. She is member of Alpha Epsilon Iota sorority, Hennepin County and Minnesota Medical Association and of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity and of the Minnesota State and Hennepin County Bar Associations.

Asked about interests and hobbies, Jack says, "Am a hunting and fishing nut; fond of all sports, both participating and spectator, including golf, tennis, bowling, swimming, baseball, basketball and football. When time permits, like to play chess and checkers." Bernice plays the piano and is fond of painting. She has taken special courses at Walker Art Center, Minneapolis.

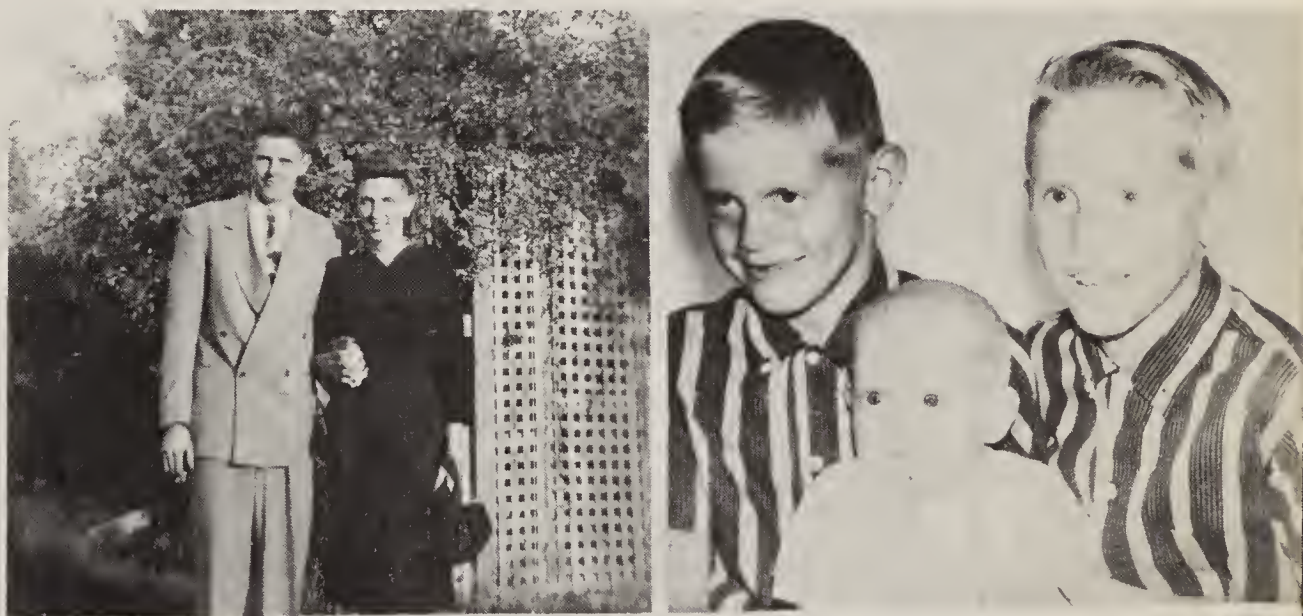
After ten years in private practice of medicine, Bernice is now retired to position as housewife. Jack's present occupation is that of attorney and real estate sales.

JANICE

JANICE ARLENE, the third child of John and Edna Haley was born November 6, 1924 near Herman. For some six years she was the baby of the family, watched out for and cared for by her older brother and sister. Being only fourteen months younger than Jack, she soon seemed almost as large, and they were practically twins. The others liked to take Janice along to slide down the snowbanks or to see the new calf in the barn. As they grew older, Jack loved to tease, but Janice was quick on the retort. They all seemed to inherit an Irish wit, and Janice was out in front with this in a natural and cute way. She was nearly six when Marjorie joined the family and was not quite sure if she would accept the new baby, however she too soon had to "fall for" the youngest.

Janice, like the others, enjoyed her school years at Hoffman, where she made many lasting friendships. While there she attended the Lutheran Free Church, where Jack and Janice were confirmed.

After the family moved to Herman, Doris left for Seattle where for several years she was employed as receptionist at the Swett & Crawford insurance firm. Janice decided to go to Seattle too, so she and a friend, Betty Jones, went out together. Janice got work in the personnel department of Boeing Aircraft and was there for several years, going back for a time even after her marriage. She and RICHARD PHILLIPS were married at a pretty wedding at the home of his folks December 27, 1946.



Right: 1. Richard, Janice, 1952.
2. Jackie, Bradley, Ronnie.
Below: Geoffry Olson, Jackie
Phillips, Ronnie Phillips,
Timothy Olson. 3. Phillips'
home in Seattle.



Richard was born at Leavenworth, Washington, on December 28, 1921 but has spent most of his life in Seattle. His mother is of French-German descent and his father Scotch-English. He enlisted in the Seabees early in the war, as a driver, and was in New Guinea and the Philippines. He has stayed with the Seabees and is at present a chief driver. He is Service Manager at a Cadillac garage. He is cub master for a pack of cub scouts where their son Ronnie belongs.

Their first son, Ronald Dean, was born April 21, 1949. This was our first grandchild. We all have treasured days to remember and one we looked forward to with great anticipation was the day we met Janice at the train as she brought our first grandchild home. We enjoyed him so much. He is now a studious looking boy who already goes through encyclopedias trying to find information.

A second son, John Leonard or "Jacky" arrived July 4, 1951, "little Mr. Independence" they call him. A good little fellow too; both are doing very well in school.

Bradley Jay arrived February 22, 1958 to complete the happy family. The other boys being quite a bit older, they are completely devoted to their little brother and think that everyone should notice him, in fact they came home wondering if one man was blind because he didn't seem to notice little Bradley.

MARJORIE

On November 9, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. John Haley became the parents of a brown haired, hazel eyed baby girl—me. I was christened MARJORIE ANN Haley in our Church at Herman, Minnesota.

The following spring our family moved to a farm at Hoffman, Minnesota. There I started school at six and went through the first six grades.

Having two older sisters, Doris and Janice, and an older brother, Jack, I have many pleasant childhood memories of our family activities. In the summer there was swimming, fishing, croquet and softball. In the winter we used our sleds (on the strawpile if Dad wasn't looking, or on the hills by the lake if he was), skied, skated and played in the snow.

Money was scarce those first years in the '30's. The folks both worked from dawn to dark from spring to fall. Dad cared for large herds of pigs and dairy cows and worked all our land with horses. How we enjoyed running down the road to meet him in the evening. He would hoist us up on one of the horses and we would ride to the barn in grand style, hanging tightly to the horse collar.

Mom raised chickens and turkeys, and all our vegetables. So although boughten foods were scarce we had a plentiful supply of home grown ones including watermelon, muskmelon, apple and pumpkin pie, strawberries, raspberries, and of course ice cream. (The one who turned the freezer was privileged to lick the dash.)

Our family took two trips together—one to northern Minnesota—to the iron ore mines, Lake Superior, and Itasca Park. The other to Dad's birthplace at Shelby, Iowa. These were a big thrill for the rest of the family, but I was carsick all the way and sat with my nose pressed against the windshield, which made me the object of much teasing by the older children who asserted I was trying to get there ahead of the rest.

On most Holidays we had big family reunions with all the Andersens. This was a great boon for us children, since we were so many that we could play endless games and had great fun swinging on ropes in the haymows and so forth. My cousin, Beverly Bengtson, and I were born six days apart which made us close friends. She was short and chubby and I was long and skinny, sort of a Slim and Spud combination.

In 1941 my parents purchased a farm at Herman and we moved back again. I finished the 7th and 8th grades at District 69, then went on the bus to high school in Herman, where I graduated as valedictorian in 1948. Also here I was confirmed into the Church and was a member of Sunday School and Youth Fellowship.

The fall of 1948 I entered Augsburg College in Minneapolis, which proved to be an excellent choice for while there I met a tall, blonde, good-natured young man named JOHN ELIASON, also a student.

John was 6'—which I appreciated since I was 5' 6". He was born at Appleton, Minn., was three quarter Norwegian and a quarter Swedish, and came from a background similar to mine. He was one of five children, all of whom attended Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo. In a short time we were going steady and making plans for our life together.

After a year at Augsburg I worked as a receptionist for a Lumber Company in Minneapolis.

On August 5, 1950, I was married to John and we moved to our first home at Aberdeen, South Dakota, where John sold insurance and I did office work. In 1951 we moved to Kindred, North Dakota. It was here on November 4, 1951, that our first child—a blue eyed replica of John was born. We named him John Barry. A year later we were saddened by the loss of his little brother who was born prematurely and lived only overnight.

From Kindred we moved to Fargo and built ourselves a house, John doing the carpentering and I the painting and decorating.

Here on February 13, 1956, our blue-eyed, brown-haired daughter, Patricia (Patti) Ann was born.

Now I am kept busy with our two lively, interesting children, school and Church affairs. I still make a hobby of art work, as I have since childhood.

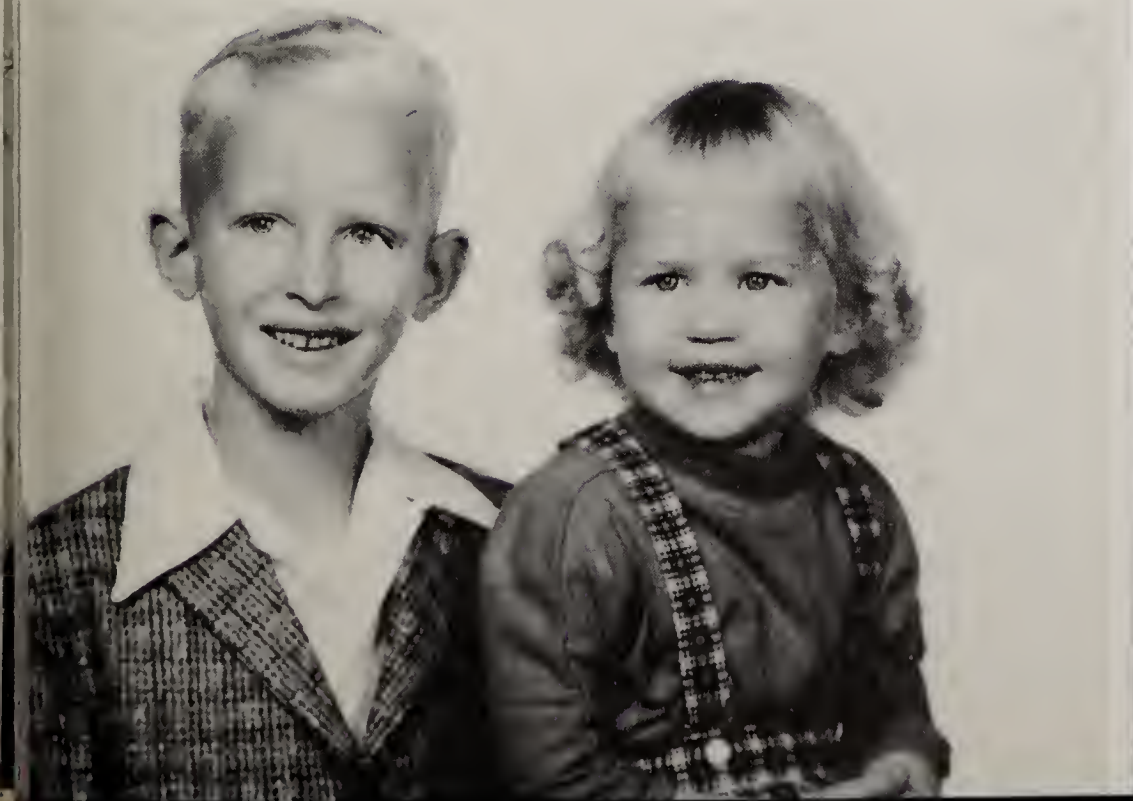
John enjoys his work as sales manager with Twin City Construction and spends his time out of office hours with bowling, wood working, the Fargo Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Church work.

We are members of Pontoppidan Lutheran Church in Fargo. At present John is a Deacon, Barry is in his fourth year of Sunday School and Patti is eagerly looking forward to fall when she will be able to start.

And this, I believe, pretty much concludes my history to the present time. I hope it will be of as much interest to some of our kin as theirs will be to us.

Right: Eliason home in West Fargo.
Lower right: Standing, Marjorie;
Seated, Barry, John, Patti. 1959.
Below: Barry and Patti, 1958.

(Randall Dean, born 1/28/1961.)





Above: Ervin, Iva and sons
Robert and Donald, 1935.
Right: Iva and Jack, 1952.

IVA

I was born at Garvin, Minnesota, at the turn of the century, on November 23, 1900. Being the third child of Lena and Christ Andersen, I arrived to join my brother and sister, Ernest and Edna. We three were less than two years apart so grew up together, playing and scrapping as youngsters will.

I was six and a half before Ethel came along, so was quite a Mama's baby. When I started school I was always worried that Mother wouldn't be home when I came back from school.

My first seven years of school I attended the public school at Slayton, Minnesota. Our parents then moved to Milaca, as Dad had bought eighty acres of land near town. I was graduated from the eighth grade at Milaca and also attended three years of high school there. We lived at Milaca four years after which we moved on a farm ten miles from Elbow Lake. My last year of high school I attended Normal at Elbow Lake. Upon graduating I was eligible to teach a country school, so for the next three years I taught the home school and had the privilege of teaching my two younger sisters, Ethel and Winnie, and my brother, Harry—Bud to us.

On March 24, 1921, ERVIN SUKER and I were married at Elbow Lake. We had two sons, Robert, born January 10, 1922, and Donald (Don), born December 30, 1923.

After farming five years we decided to go West and seek our fortune. We bought the hotel at Tekoa, Washington, in 1927. We closed the dining room after we had been there a couple of years and converted it into apartments, so we had thirty rooms and thirteen apartments.



Left: Robert and Don Suker, 1939.
Below: 1. Robert 2, Donald
at Tekoa, Washington, 1947.



Ervin passed away in 1938 after a week's illness from a streptococci infection.

Two years later I remarried and continued to run the hotel for four years. My husband, Jack Crigler, who was an engineer on the Union Pacific railroad, and I decided to sell the hotel and buy a home in Tekoa. We had been happily married for twelve years when Jack passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

I had been confirmed at the Lutheran church at Herman but transferred my membership to the Methodist church, there being no Lutheran church in Tekoa. I took on active interest in the church work, belonged to its Women's Society and held different offices, serving as president for three years. I was secretary of the Sunday School for several years. Ervin was a Lutheran. Jack was baptized at Tekoa, becoming a member of the church there with me.

I was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and P.E.O., Lady Fireman.

After Jack's passing I continued to live in Tekoa and worked in a drug store there for four years.

The Union Pacific division was moved from Tekoa to Spokane so I decided to sell my home. I spent the winter of 1956 with my father, as Mother had passed away in May of 1956. The past year I have lived in Coeur d'Alene, taking a cosmetology course to keep occupied.

My sons are World War II veterans, both had joined the Coast Guards.

After being discharged from the service in March, 1946, Robert was book-keeper at a mill for several years and stayed at home. He is now a lineman. He loves the outdoors and enjoys fishing and hunting. He played football and basketball in high school. He had a year and a half of college at Washington State.

Don was in the armed services from 1943 to 1946, was graduated from Kinmans' Business College and also took a course in Optometry, working as an Optical Technician. He is a member of the V.F.W. and the Methodist church. Interests are athletics, fishing and hunting.

We have always enjoyed family contacts and have taken annual trips to Minnesota as our vacation. We have stopped at Bismarck, North Dakota, several times so have kept in touch with Aunt Judith and family.

—Iva Crigler

As this book goes to press Iva and her son Don are making their home in an apartment in Minneapolis. Iva is planning to find work in a beauty shop and to get her Minnesota license in cosmetology. She now has an Idaho license.



A visit to Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, April, 1952.

Left: Jack, Iva; Below: Iva, Jack, Edwin, Winnie.





ETHEL

I, ETHEL CHRISTINE, was born April 15, 1907 at Slayton, Minnesota. I was named after my Aunt Christine, which pleased me. When I was two and a half years of age, my sister Winnie was born. I have very few memories of Slayton as we moved to Milaca when I was quite young.

While we lived at Milaca, my brother Harry was born. We thought he was about the finest present anyone could have. It was fun to get up early in the morning and care for him while Mother was busy.

We moved from Milaca to a farm near Barrett when I was in the fourth grade. I have many happy recollections of the country school which we attended. During the winter we used to slide down a hill on a sled which Dad had made and also used a scoop shovel. There were fifteen or twenty pupils in the school. Spring found us playing baseball in the cow pasture.

Winnie and I spent many happy hours making mud pies, in our play house among the plum trees. We were very much interested in the birds, where their nests were built, how many eggs there were and what color. Once while climbing a tree to investigate a birds' nest we not only found out the color of the eggs but also discovered that birds have mites.

Many winter evenings found us around the old heater, Mother with her knitting, Dad reading and we younger children with our coloring and painting. Mother would tell one of us to *slide* down cellar and bring up some apples. Dad used to buy a barrel of apples in the fall. Ernest, Edna and Iva were married and lived not too far from home. Many of our trips during winter were made with a team and bob-sled. How we enjoyed the sleigh bells.

The folks moved to Elbow Lake the fall of 1925. The following spring Iva and family left for the West. On their visit in 1928 I decided to go back with them. I helped at their hotel for a while. After about a year and a half I was married to Leo Goddard. I had a son, Robert, born July 30, 1930. Leo passed away.

In 1936 I married Chester Balser. Chester worked in the woods and was hurt quite seriously by a falling log, in June of 1940. Since then we have operated an eating place out of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Chester is a veteran of World War I, having spent eighteen months overseas.

Shirley was born January 31, 1942. She attended school at Hayden Lake for six years. This being a small school, she had to go to Coeur d'Alene for the eighth grade and high school, graduating in the spring of '59.

Shirley is interested in music, playing the piano; is member of the Horizon Club. Ethel belongs to Grandmothers' Club and to Methodist church. Chet is an Adventist, belongs to Veterans of World War I, and enjoys reading. Ethel does fancywork during spare time.

Robert (Bob) married Virginia Rose Snyder (Vergie) of Coeur d'Alene, was a legal secretary, now homemaker. Bob: Methodist; P.T.A.; hunting, fishing; swimming. Vergie: Baptist; P.T.A.; plays accordian; swimming; writing poems.

Their Donald (Donnie), age 8, keeps busy with school, swimming, fishing, his father's logging and with hunting. Melody Kay was born May 3, 1958.



Previous page, bottom: Ethel and Chester with Shirley and Bob, 1959.

Right: Virginia and Bob with Donald and Melody.

Melinda Rae, born 7/14/1960.



WINNIE

I, Winnie Marie Andersen, was born at Slayton, Minnesota, August 19, 1909.

At the age of three I accompanied Mother to Walnut Grove when Grandmother was ill and passed away. I was at the dressing up age and enjoyed putting on Grandmother's hat to play "grown up." After her death the hat was given to me and I have always cherished it as a special keepsake.

I went to grade school in the country where we lived, eight miles from town. The school was located on a hill where we spent many hours of fun sliding down hill; with a fine pond below for skating.

If we children got into town at Christmas time to see the decorations it seemed a big event and a long ride in a bob sled with a team of horses. We went with Dad when he brought cream and eggs to town. We usually heated bricks to keep our feet warm, and had plenty of blankets for covering.

On May 3, 1929, I was married to EDWIN BENGTON, who is of Swedish descent. His parents were born and married in Sweden before coming to America amongst the early settlers. We farmed for several years near Herman, Minnesota. where our daughters, Beverly and Sylvia, came to gladden our home.

I enjoyed cooking new dishes and our girls often said they wished I would run out of ideas or magazines because many "delicacies" were never seen after the "trial run." Beverly says, "Nothing is too large a task for Mom. She is truly a do-it-yourself person—from painting at great heights, papering or remodeling to shooting the squirrel, crow or whatever the pest was."





Above: Sylvia and Beverly with pets, 1942.
Left, top: Winnie; bottom: Beverly, Edwin
and Sylvia, 1952.

In the spring of 1951 we sold our farming equipment and moved to California, as Edwin had arthritis and the change of climate made him feel better. Edwin took a machinist course at Los Angeles and then worked as a mill operator. We enjoyed two and half years of living in sunny California.

In 1954 we decided to return to Minnesota. We have purchased and operate Pebble Beach Resort on Lake Sylvia, near Annandale. We enjoy the contact with many people in this work. They have come from Alaska to Texas and from New York to California.

Memberships, Activities: Edwin: Lutheran Church, Annandale, Treasurer, 1941-46; IOOF lodge, enjoys degree work; School Board 1940-51; fishing. Winnie: Lutheran Church, Annandale; past president, Rebekah lodge; sewing, crocheting, fishing.

BEVERLY

November 16 was Grandmother Elena's birth date, when I should have arrived, but I, asserting my independence even then, wanted my own birthday.

The following years hold many happy memories, among them are: The gentle reprimand Mother gave me for "pulling out her favorite house plant when I had nothing else to do." My first long trip at the age of five to the state of Washington, which seemed to me like "thousands of miles" of the bumpiest, dustiest roads, where we visited my two Aunts, and I saw my first big circus. Riding my tricycle two miles to school, because it was so much easier to sit down and walk.



Sylvia, Winnie and Edwin
at Tekoa, Washington,
Christmas, 1953.

1. Carlene, 1955.
2. Beverly and Marvin with Carlene, David and Ronald, 1959.



Later there were the personal triumphs when: I could play the piano well enough to play at church. The declam with which I won top honors while still in the grades.

From the time I was very young I wanted a career in the field of medicine. It was shortly after graduation from high school at Herman that I entered a medical technology school. I liked this very well, not only for the personal contact with girls and boys from all over the United States, but later I found the laboratory procedures even more fascinating than I had anticipated.

My marriage in 1949 to MARVIN HENRICHS of Donnelly, Minnesota, took place at a little Norwegian country church near there. My husband is engaged in construction work in Minneapolis and vicinity and we make our home in St. Louis Park. He was an Army M.P., 1944-46; Crane Operator, 1946-54; is self employed, Grandt-Henrichs Excavating, since 1954. He enjoys hunting and traveling.

I continued my technician work until the birth of our daughter, Carlene Kay, in December 1952. When she was but two months old we drove to California so that her maternal grandparents and aunt might be sponsors for her baptism.

A son, Ronald, was born August, 1954, and we now felt we were a complete, happy little family. Little did we know of the added joys we were to have when a second son, David, was born to us in June, 1956. His liveliness and happy disposition seem to be so typical of our Nordstrom generations, past and present.

Beverly, Marvin and children are members of Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park. Beverly and Marvin are also members of the Lenox PTA. One of Beverly's continuing interests is playing the piano.

Dean, Sylvia, Winnie, 1958.



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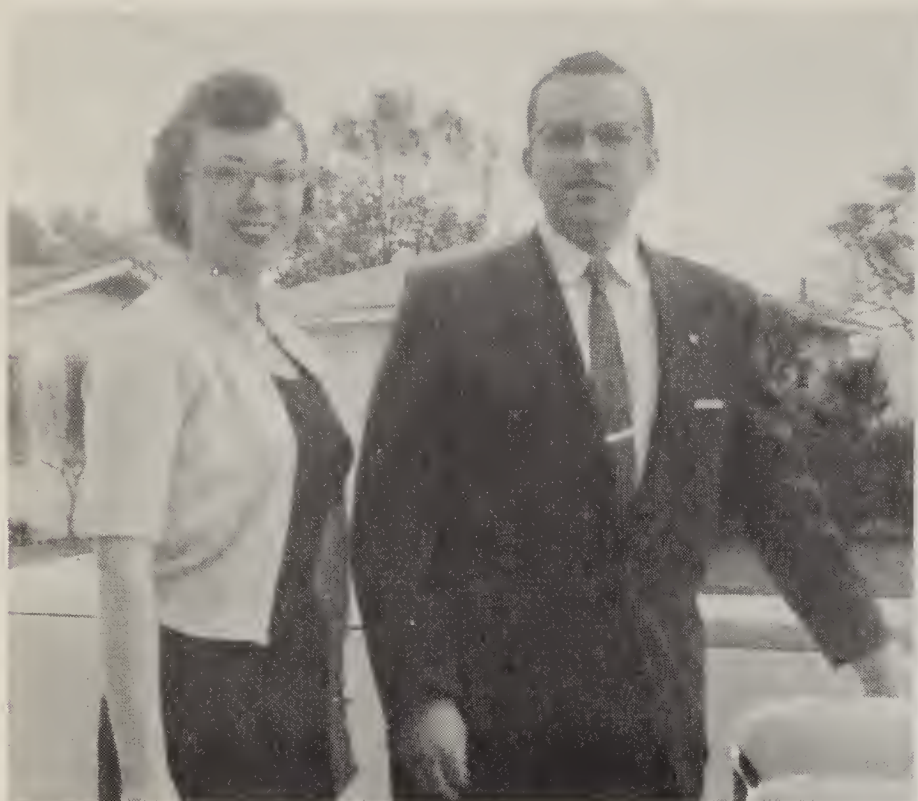
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Sylvia and Dean
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Steven Paul at 3 months



SYLVIA

I was born, the second daughter of Winnie and Edwin Bengtson, on November 30, 1935, and Christened SYLVIA ANN.

After surviving the common childhood diseases, I began my educational adventures in good old district 64, Herman, Minnesota. Bless its one room schoolhouse, potbellied stove and outbuildings. My first two years of high school were spent in Herman High, and the final two at Leuzinger High, Hawthorne, California. One of the hi-lites here was that I "made Hollywood" when a large group of band members journeyed to Hollywood to play at the Santa Claus Lane Parade, just before Christmas. I played clarinet and couldn't have been more thrilled had I been a top star in the movies. Graduation exercises in 1953 saw me proudly receive my diploma along with 500 classmates.

Furthering my education, I attended Northwest Institute of Medical Technology in Minneapolis. Upon graduation I ventured to Des Moines, Iowa, for my first position, remaining there until several weeks prior to my forthcoming marriage.

After the normal confusion encountered in planning a wedding, mine, to JOHN D. NACHBOR, took place October 23, 1954. Our honeymoon was a trip to California where we were to make our home. Enroute, we lost the major part of our travelling money, and relying upon our gas credit card and monetary wedding gifts, we managed to reach Long Beach. A few weeks later, a kindly gentleman, traversing the Black Hills, found our lost billfold and returned it complete with all its money.

After getting settled in an apartment I utilized my medical training, obtaining employment with nine doctors, for whom I am still working.

After Sylvia has submitted the foregoing story, we received word that she and John had become the parents of a son, Steven Paul, born February 5, 1959.

Sylvia and John are members of the Lutheran Church and serve as Luther League Advisors. Sylvia also sings in the Choir. She enjoys playing the piano and the clarinet, besides singing. She likes to sew, making many of her own clothes. John enjoys hunting and airplanes. He has a private pilot's license.

John was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he had his elementary education. He completed high school and two years of college at Long Beach, California. He served in the U. S. Army 1950-52. Since 1953 he has worked as American Airlines Agent.

HARRY

HARRY CARL, born June 7th, 1915 in the village of Milaca, Minnesota, the 6th and last child of Christ and Lena Andersen. Was two years old when the family purchased and moved to a farm about 10 miles south of Elbow Lake, where he attended school through the 5th grade. He attended kindergarten for a short time in the spring previous to starting first grade, during which time his sister, Iva, was teaching the same school. The family moved to Elbow Lake in October, 1928, and he continued his education in that village through the 12th grade. He was apparently musically inclined during the period of his high school education as he was a member of the high school orchestra, glee club and sang first tenor while a senior in the high school quartet.

He was confirmed in 1930 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church to which church the family belonged.

The majority of his employment while residing in Elbow Lake and after completing high school was with the Grant County Highway Department as a surveyor and draftsman on highway construction.

He was drafted into the armed services in July, 1941, and was discharged because of rheumatic fever in December, 1941.

After being discharged from the Army he started his employment with the Corps of Engineers, Department of Army, as a surveyor and since the U. S. at this period was at war, was transferred within the same agency to Military Supply, inspection of defense work, which was being accomplished by different shops in Minneapolis and St. Paul. He has continued in this same type of inspection of shop work up to the present time and has been promoted to Chief Inspector in the District.

His schooling in addition to high school has consisted of correspondence and extension courses in surveying, drafting and higher mathematics.

On August 15, 1943, he was united in marriage to GLADIVA SWENSON, also of Elbow Lake. They now have four children, REBECCA LEA born March 22nd, 1945; MARGARET JEAN born November 10, 1948; CAROL BETH born November 1, 1951 and CHRIS DAVIS born May 22, 1953.

They purchased a house on two acres of land in suburban St. Paul in 1948 where they busy themselves with a large lawn, 25 fruit trees, various berries and garden, etc.

They are members of the Roseville Lutheran Free Church where Harry is presently serving as Scout Master and Gladiva as Sunday School teacher.

Harry's hobbies are hunting and fishing and the family recently purchased a cottage near Elbow Lake on Lake Pomme De Terre where they enjoy their vacations and visits with relatives and friends.

Harry



Bud



Gladiva, Harry, Lena, Chris.





Above, left: Rebecca, Margaret, Carol, Chris.

Center: Harry with Rebecca, Carol, Chris and Margaret. 1955.

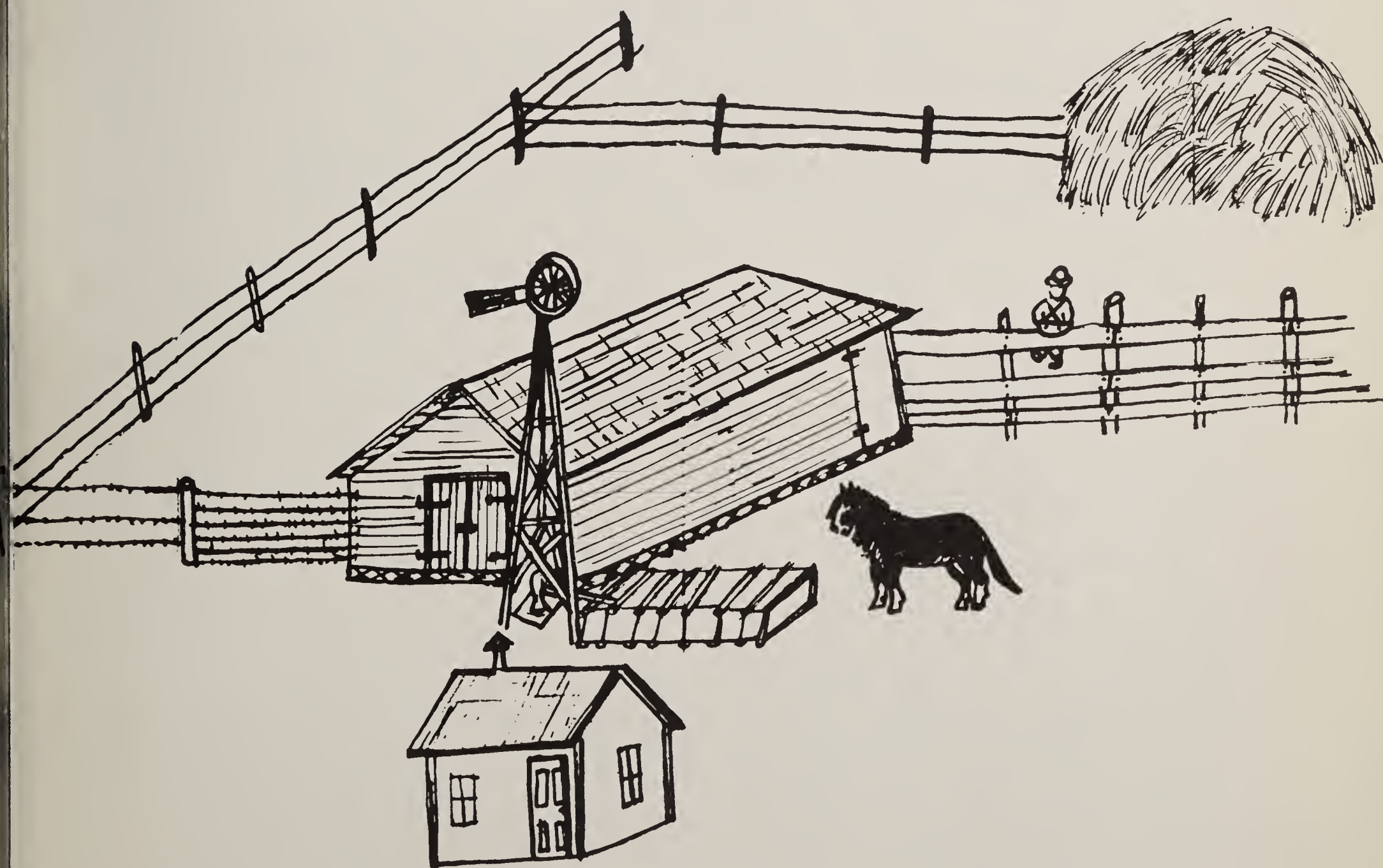
Upper right: Gladiva with Margaret, Carol and Chris at Sandy Point, April, 1959.

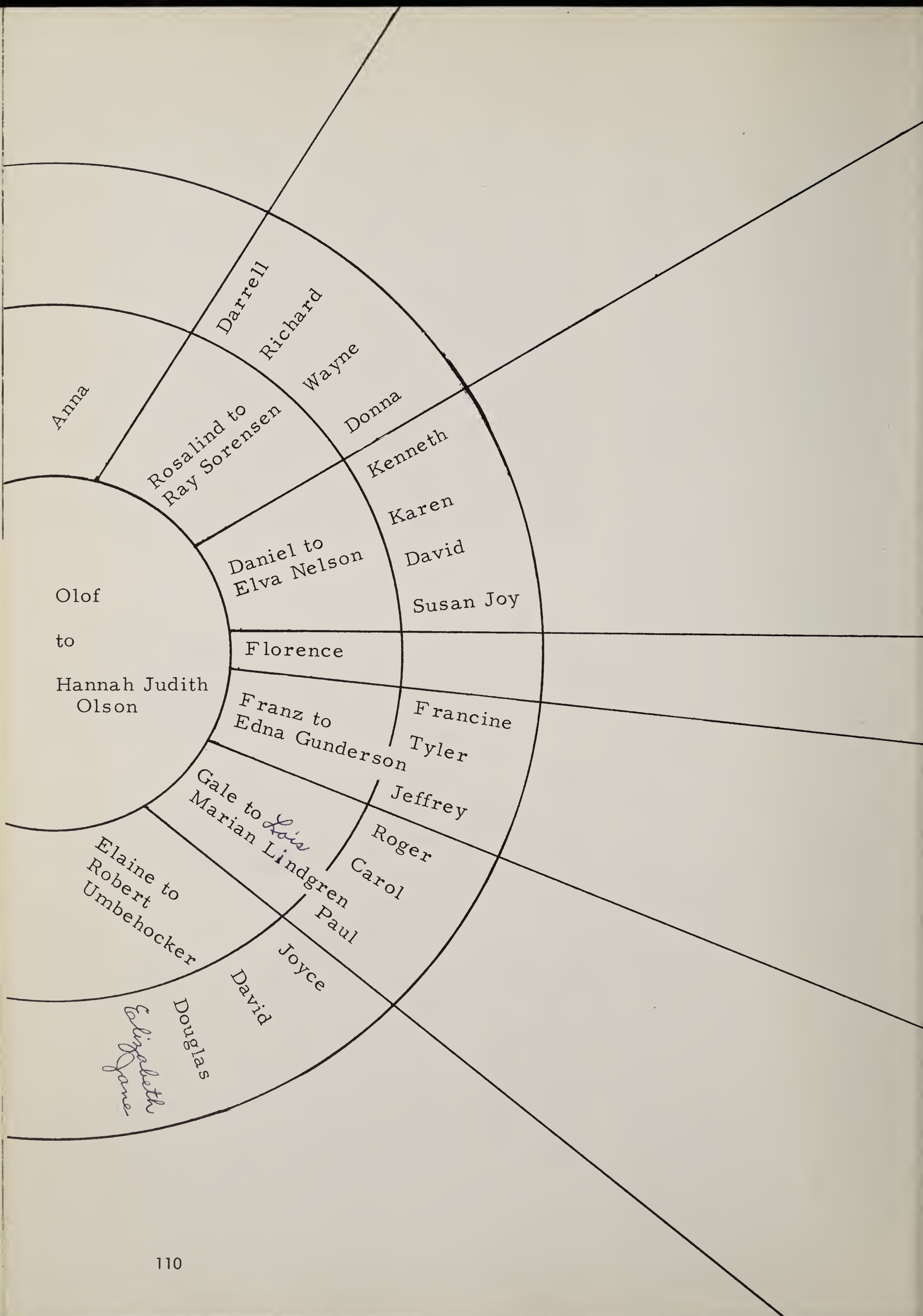
Lower right: Carol 7½, Becky 14, Chris 6, Margaret 10½. "At our place on Sandy Point, Lake Pomme De Ferre."

Previous page, left to right: 1 & 2- Harry; 3 - Gladiva, Harry, Lena, Chris.



Olof





Anna

Darrell

Richard

Wayne

Donna

Kenneth

Karen

David

Susan Joy

Florence

Francine
Tyler

Jeffrey

Roger

Carol

Paul

Joyce

David

Douglas

Elizabeth Jones

Olof

to

Hannah Judith
Olson

Daniel to
Elva Nelson

Rosalind to
Ray Sorensen

Franz to
Edna Gunderson

Gale to *Lois*
Marian Lindgren

Elaine to
Robert Umbehocker



Olof Nordstrom



Judith

OLOF

Olof Nordstrom was born November 15, 1871, in Härslöv parish, Skane, Sweden. He was not a husky child and was teased a good deal about being his mother's pet, also for holding his tongue outside his mouth a certain way when he was especially interested in something. He recollects reading, and a lot of singing in the home by parents and children. He received instruction in school but also at home. The parents were very strict and required immediate obedience.

At the early age of 7 he had to herd a neighbor's geese, and at 8 had a more responsible job of herding. One noon hour the hired men were having their rest and called to Olof to feed their horses. These were a large team and in a hurry to get their feed. Some way Olof was pushed down and stepped on so that his back was hurt, causing his hump back all thru life.

He recalls being able to see across the bay from Landskrona to Denmark. He was confirmed at their church and, as his older brothers had gone to America, he and Lena came over together in 1888.

Olof attended rural school in District 62 Gales township, Redwood County, Minnesota and also in District 19. He worked for his board and room. In summer he did various jobs and the next year attended school in District 19. He was quite a ballplayer and was well liked by his equals. He worked for different people and helped at threshing in the fall. In winter he worked hard for some people who had a lot of stock to take care of, for a very small remuneration.

He attended the Swedish church in the country, also sang in the choir and was active in the Young People's Society when organized.

I, Judith, the daughter of Ole and Christine Olson, was born at my father's Homestead in Gales township, August 28, 1882 the oldest of 7 children. The Olsons had come from the Carver area. I recall following my father in the furrows when he broke the sod with one ox and one horse. We rode in a lumber wagon to church and town, or walked. We had 1½ miles to school, 3 to church, and 7 to Walnut Grove and 10 miles to Tracy. My mother and father went to Tracy for more special things twice a year. Mother would go in the spring and fall and buy up goods and sew by hand for us in the evening. She also knit our stockings and even sewed our underwear.



Anna and Rosalind with grandma Christine Olson, Christmas, 1908. Judith, 1904; parental Ole and Christine Olson's home at W. G., 1900.

As early as I can remember I was called upon to do all sorts of things, one of which was to carry the milk crocks up and down the cellar without spilling. Milk was put down to cool, cream to rise and then skimmed off with a ladle with holes in for milk to drip thru. The cream was made into butter. It was churned in a crock with a round, wooden stick with cross pieces at the bottom. It was quite a tedious job to pull this up and down to make butter come.

We had a little two room house with the frost on windows $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick in winter. A summer kitchen later was added as the family increased. Our barn was made out of straw. Our neighbors were an English family from New York. They came over to visit quite often. We talked in Swedish and they in English, but we had a good time just the same. Once a week I went two miles to get the mail, at a place where the family lived in a dug out.

I attended Swedish parochial school one month in summer; and Sunday school in summer, when the horses weren't too tired to go. I believe I was 8 the year that Olof came to our school for a few months. We had a 6 months term. We were all Swedish except one family. Our teacher was Emma Peterson from St. Peter, who allowed no Swedish speech while at school or play.

I recall playing tag with Olof during recess at school. Later I used to listen to his bass voice in congregational singing, and then there was Young People's society where he often sang solos and took part in activities. In 1900 he went to North Dakota and homesteaded on 160 acres, 7 miles NE of Braddock, Emmons County. He had cattle and worked at various jobs. He built a small house and a long narrow barn also dug a deep well by hand. He broke up 10 acres of the virgin soil, seeded flax, hired to have it cut and when a hard wind came up and blew half of the flax away and he paid 25¢ a bushel to get the remainder threshed, he decided it didn't pay to farm yet.

While Bertha and I were both working in Tracy she told about receiving a letter from Olof, so I said to tell him "Hello" from me. In a couple of weeks I received a letter and a Romance began. We corresponded a few years and I still have the very well written and poetic sounding letters. The kids, years afterwards, used to find them in the trunk and read and re-read. He drove down to Minnesota in a buggy with horses one summer and took me out riding. (You can imagine what our own children had to say about that when we used to try to stop them from making trips with the car and wasting gas) We were married by Pastor A. Melin at our country church March 21, 1906. Two hundred relatives and friends were present for the ceremony followed by a reception at my home.



Braddock, 1906



Anna and Rosalind

Olof had thought to move to Minnesota, but I said we should live on our own homestead. We arrived at Braddock April 7th—mostly sky and prairie.

We lived in his little shack while we built one large room and bedroom, 1½ stories, and used shack for kitchen. He first re-broke his 10 acres and some more, and seeded speltz, wheat and flax, using a disc and seeder combination together with a neighbor. We had some 5 horses, cows, calves and 6 three-year old steers which he sold to buy lumber for the house. We milked some of cows and I made butter and home made bread, etc. We prepared ground later on for trees which he planted the next year. We were thankful for rain those first years.

In the thirties there were seven years when we went thru real hardships. It seems like a nightmare to think of the dust storms with no rain and no crops or garden. We lived very frugally. One by one our children had come to gladden our home, and then we had a school problem in distance. We had 2½ miles which they had to walk most of the time. School terms started in April and closed at Christmas time with programs.

We had 5 miles to church. At first services were only in Swedish, later both Swedish and English. Finally the Swedish was discontinued altogether, as the pastor could not speak it. At first the pastor came every other week end from Bismarck and the families kept him at their houses. They would meet the train on Saturday and take him back in time to make the Monday train.



Left: Franz and Dan, 1916. Right: Franz and Gale. Below: The Olof Nordstroms drive to Minnesota to visit.





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1. Olof Nordstrom farm buildings. 2. Note rain barrel. 3. After the storm, February, 1943. 4. Olof-Judith children, 1917. Garage, building with chimney, was Olof's original homestead shack. 5. Franz, Florence, Elaine and Gale in one of the Nordstrom quartets. 6. Franz, Gale and Dan, instrumental trio. 7. A Nordstrom vocal ensemble in 1937. Left to right as faces appear: Dan, Ro, Gale, Florence, Franz. Dick and Darrel Sorenson in wagon.

Entertaining the pastor in our small headquarters was sometimes a hardship but we always considered it a privilege. We usually had devotions and always sang a lot. The children could carry a tune at an early age. Olof had figured out playing by note on a mandolin, he could also sing songs by note and could learn new tunes with no instrument.

One of the first dry years Olof saw he would not have enough hay for stock and when an agent stopped in selling pianos, Olof said, "I'll trade you a team of horses." The next day the agent was back with a buyer so our biggest, nicest, sorrel team went for \$400.00. The girls took a few lessons though it was hard to find a teacher, but they managed the best they could and they all had a lot of fun and good from the piano. If they couldn't play by note they played by ear, especially the boys. Later they got a mandolin, guitar and violin. The boys and Florence sang in a quartet. When Dan left Elaine was old enough to take the one part. They were asked to sing at programs, weddings and funerals, Church and Choir. Being from one family their voices harmonized better.

When Anna and Rosalind were thru the 8th grade, at ages 12 and 13, they went to Bismarck, worked for board and room at private homes and attended high school. Anna started teaching when thru High School, attending summer school during vacation. Ro took a year at Valley City State Teachers College as she was too young to teach, but the next year she too taught and attended summer school. When Dan and Flo were ready there was a High School at Braddock, which the rest also attended.



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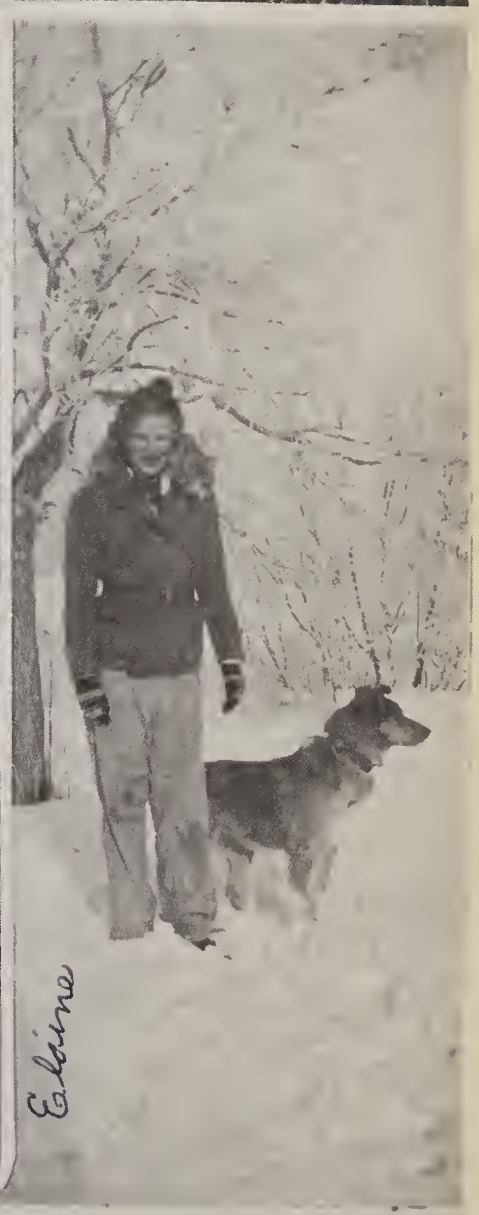


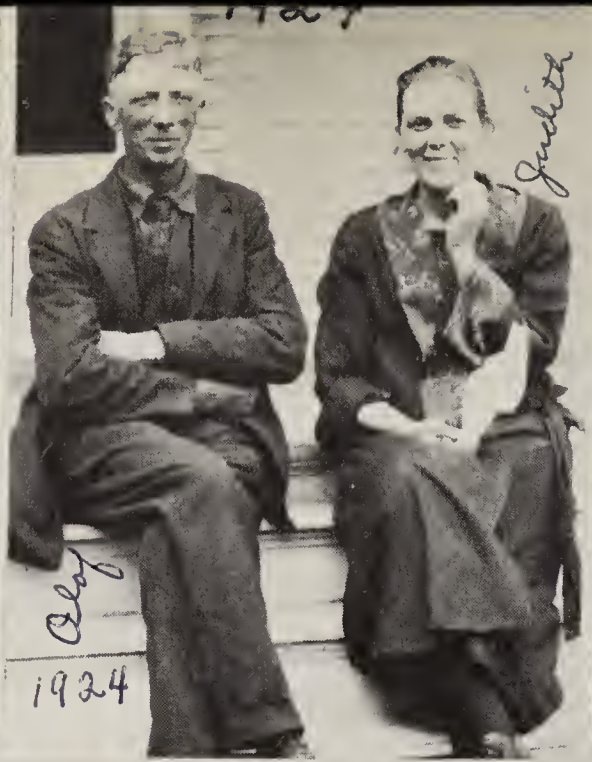
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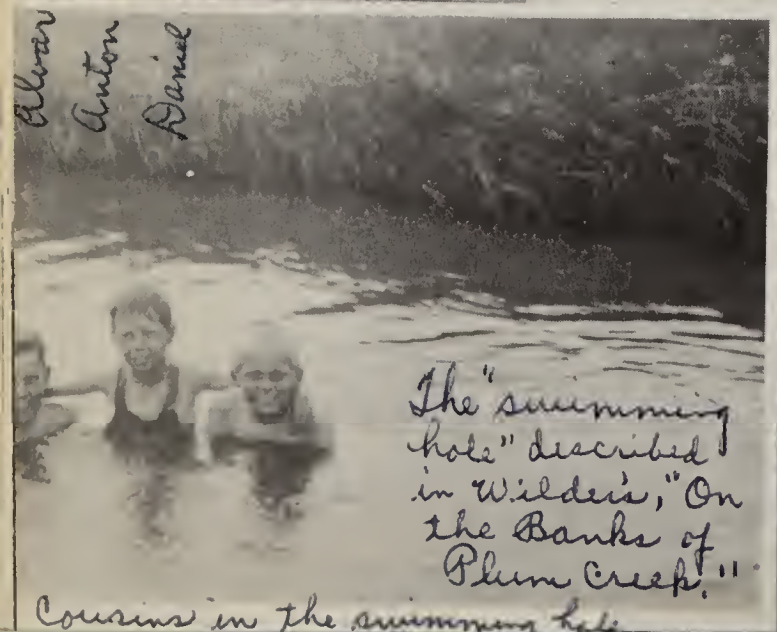
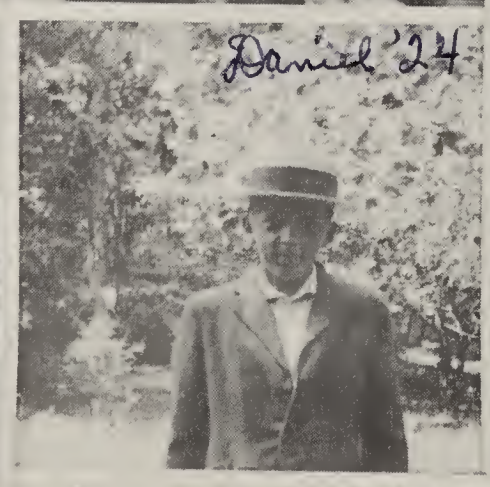
Braddock
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Rural Braddock school which
Olof-Judith children
attended.





Franz, Francine,
Judith, Tyler.
Upper left picture:
4 generations—Daniel,
Judith, Christine O., Kenneth



The "swimming
hole" described
in Wilde's, "On
the Banks of
Plum Creek."

Cousins in the swimming hole



1948

Dan was taken sick with pneumonia and, his father not being so well, Dan was not able to finish his last year of school. The following year he had pleurisy, and the next pneumonia, which left him in a weakened condition. It also left him with a lot of sinus trouble and later a hemorrhage of the lungs, so there was much doctoring. After he was married he had one lung, which had a cyst, removed at the University of Minnesota hospital. When 7 years old he had brights disease and was in Bismarck Hospital 7 weeks.

Franz had his share of illness too. When just a young man he had lobar pneumonia which took him years to get over, and then a spell of sciatic rheumatism. A few years later he slipped when removing a hay rack and his back was hurt. He was laid up for several years. He tried all kinds of doctors but nothing seemed to help, or perhaps it all helped as he is in good health now.

Franz started High School at age 12, but stayed out later that year because of illness. He went back again at 19, and finished at the age of 21. Florence and Elaine boarded part time in Braddock during winter months. Gale rode horse-back one winter, leaving by starlight and returning by starlight. He rode 3000 miles that year going to school.

One time a big snow storm came up when Flo and Franz were coming home from Braddock. They were to pick up Gale and Elaine at a rural school. They soon were stalled in the snow and called home from a farm. Dan went by horse back to meet them and drive the car home. When he reached them the storm was so thick they could not see the road but felt their way along between the fences. Soon they were stuck and decided to walk to the nearest farm house, where they had to stay over night. The telephone lines were up so they were able to call home. The next morning they came walking home over the snow drifts. Of course there were many blizzards but none where so many were out at once. Once Olof was caught in one and he told of how he tried to guide the horse to go in the direction he thought was home but the horse just wouldn't go. Finally he let the horse have his way and soon they were home.

When Flo was through High School she went to Dickinson and then taught $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from home. She started out with 27 pupils and most of those 8 years had \$45.00 a month. Rosalind, after teaching a few terms, was married July 12, 1933 to Ray Sorensen, a farmer, of Center, N. D. It was 35 miles northwest of Bismarck. We lived 50 miles southeast of Bismarck.

The boys tried their best with their father's advice and help to farm, but it was a hopeless and discouraging job during those dry years. One year we threshed 35 bushels of speltz and the next none at all. We had also bought more land from time to time but during the dry years were not able to make the payments. Had a government loan on which we tried to make payments but had to let the taxes go some years, so had a long term debt. When there was a crop there was no price as all of you experienced. One year there happened to be 800 bushels of barley which sold at 8¢ a bushel, and other crops sold accordingly, so there was nothing for expense of seeding and harvesting, let alone wages.

The worst time of all was in 1935, January 3, when Olof passed away very suddenly at home. He was in the front room, with earphones on listening to the opening of Congress. Dan, Gale, Flo and Elaine were there too. He got up and came part way out to the kitchen where I was getting dinner, went back and sat down by the heater, then lay down on the couch. Dan came and told me that he thought there was something the matter with Papa. I went in and asked him, but he just took my hand and asked how I was, and then it looked like the blood rushed up to his face and he was gone. Dan had wanted to call the doctor but his father had said no. After it was over we called a doctor from Steele, twenty miles away. The doctor said it was a heart attack.

It was a sad day for me as well as the children, but Olof had often said he hoped to go first as he couldn't live without me. I said how about me; he said you have the children, you will have to enjoy them. With a heavy heart and a lot of hard work to do, life seemed to drag on, though the good Lord somehow upholds one at such times. The last five years of Olof's life he had more or less been around the house, though not entirely helpless but what he could take care of himself. We had a good and happy life together and I am thankful for pleasant memories.

Olof was a family man, a good husband and father. Besides his interest in home, church and music, he enjoyed reading, playing baseball and hunting. He could repair most everything and was good at training horses.

He was president of the young people's society at the church near Walnut Grove, and later at Braddock was active in the Maria Lutheran church there, serving as trustee and treasurer. He was a member of the local school board; was also active in getting good roads. He was tall, had dark hair and hazel, or hazel-green, eyes.

Among the many fine tributes paid Olof at different times was this quote from a Walnut Grove-Tracy area newspaper: "Mr. Nordstrom was a man held in high esteem because of his integrity of character, and he leaves a large circle of friends both at Braddock and at this place."

Olof never complained much during his rheumatic years, except that he was discouraged about conditions. We were still in those dry years. We had had to sell some of our good cows to the government at \$20 a head and some died, though we had to pay \$28 a ton for poor hay shipped in. All the old straw stacks had come in very handy for feed. Since we didn't get much from the farm, Dan went on WPA and did road work. The girls were teaching, except Rosalind who was facing the same problems on her farm, with two babies. We should by right have gone on government assistance as so many did but we were too proud, I suppose. It's no wonder we voted for a change in administration. Rains came at last, and we started anew and the boys did the best they could. After many years of struggle we finally got our debts paid off.

When Franz married I stayed with my mother in Bismarck two winters and in summer at Rosalind's, also went to Ohio to visit Gales and St. Louis to visit Elaine. After my brother Arthur passed away, his place in Bismarck became an estate in the Olson family. All the Olsons and my children thought I should buy it so I did in 1950, and made it my home. Last winter I came to California and spent the winter with Florence, as the kids do not like to have me live alone. I rented out my downstairs apartment to a teacher who wished to rent again this year, so I am in California once more. Before coming out I spent time with Rosalind, Dan, and Maud Wilson. Franz and Anna visit here from time to time.

—Hannah Judith.

Left to right, standing: Florence, Daniel, Rosalind, Franz, Elaine. Seated: Gale, Judith, Anna, 1944.



april '57



Judith served as president of the young people's society at Walnut Grove and president of the Ladies' Aid at Maria Lutheran Church near Braddock. Her chief interests and activities have always been her home and family, keeping busy with cooking, sewing and patching, writing letters, and visiting the sick and aged. She is still very active and enjoys traveling from one part of the country to the other. She is game to go places and do things with younger people whenever there is an opportunity.

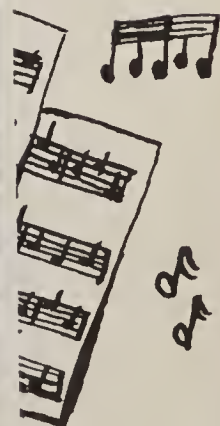
Among Judith's articles of handiwork is a valued baptismal gown which she sewed and used for the baptism of each of her children, and since then by grandchildren. The picture of Jeffrey Barton held by Francine, with Tyler at right, shows this gown. The picture was taken the day of Jeffrey's baptism in Phoenix, Arizona.



'52



1958





Above: WAC
in 1944
Left: age 5
in 1911
Right: teacher
in 1938.

ANNA

ANNA CHRISTINA, first child to arrive in the Olaf-Judith home, was given her paternal grandmother's name, Anna, and her maternal grandmother's name, Christina. Hers is a full and very interesting life without marriage.

When filling out our personal data form she commented, "Looks pretty lopsided—no family. However, some of 'my children' call me up on Saturdays, work for me, and just come to visit. This is especially true of my 'Special Education children.' Some emotionally disturbed children need this attention."

Anna does gardening and sews when time permits, but her chief hobby is books and magazines. She belongs to a book club and also collects other books; subscribes to and reads a number of magazines and newspapers. She enjoys picnics, living in a good location for interesting outings, with the Sierras on the East and the sea to the West.

Because there is no Lutheran church in Corcoran where she lives, Anna has affiliated with the Methodist church and is active in its program of work. She belongs to the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Berean Club, has been a choir member and has served as M. Y. F. Counselor.

Other memberships: Corcoran Faculty Association, American Legion Post 144 Auxiliary, Corcoran Business and Professional Club. She has served as president of all. Life members, National Education Association, Calif. Teachers Association, Kings Co. Chapter—Council of Exceptional Children.

While in the WACs she completed a Medical Tech course at Army and Navy Gen'l Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark., and Wakeman Gen'l Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Anna's elementary education was in the rural school near Braddock and secondary education at Bismarck High School, from which she graduated in 1925. Majoring in Education, she earned a Standard Diploma at Valley City, N. D., Teachers' College in 1931. She had two terms at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis during 1940. By attending summer sessions and evening courses (1948-51) she completed the required work and earned her B. A. degree from the U. of So. Calif., Los Angeles, in 1951. Her major was sociology.

At the time of this writing Anna was completing work on her Project and no doubt has earned her M. S. degree by the time this family history comes off the press. Her field is Special Education and her subject title, "CANADA, A textbook for the Slow Learning Child."

Anna holds Life Diplomas or Teaching Credentials in Education in N. D. and in Calif. She also has a Special Secondary Credential. In addition to Education courses, she has done considerable work in psychology and comments, "If I weren't so ancient, I'd still like to major in psychology."

(1) Anna's career started with 9 years of rural school *teaching*, 3 years near home and 6 years in Billings and Slope Co., N. D., the region where T. R. once ranched—now Roosevelt National Park.

(2) She was a "*Good Samaritan Worker*" in Lutheran institutions for aged and handicapped in N. D., Nebr. and Colo. She was a (3) *Child's Nurse* in homes of the wealthy in Minneapolis and Los Angeles. Often sees celebrities on TV and movie screen today whom she met at one time or other. She worked for lawyer-family of many famous movie folk and writers. They were good about introducing her.

(4) *Trade* experience: Journey-woman book binder with Pacific Press and Pacific Library Binding Co. "One of the jobs I had at Pacific Lib. Bind. enabled me to come in contact with many rare volumes from various city libraries, U. S. C. and U. C. at Los Angeles. I became quite the reader, often laying aside certain volumes to be read during noon hours. I remember one collection of French literature (in French) which the actor, Boyer, sent to have rebound in a more attractive and sturdy binding. It seemed a shame to tear apart new books! Probably made his library appear more impressive."

(5) Womens Army Corps. Enlisted 1944; basic at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa; Medical Technician training; Permanent station, Newton D. Baker Gen'l Hospital, Martinsburg, West Va. Near many places of historic interest. Worked chiefly in operating rooms and Central Service. Rank T/5. Many of the girls in outfit had degrees, one was a teacher of French with Ph D from Columbia.

"The G.I. Bill of Rights was like a gift from Heaven—I never expected it. Calif. has been especially good to her veterans. I'm still going to U. S. C. summer sessions on the \$1,000 tuition grants from the state, having used up my Federal school grants. At present I'm buying my own home under 'Cal-Vet'."

(6) Teacher in California. Two years in Kern Co. a small mountain village at foothills of Sierras. Corcoran City (1951-). Has tenure here—permanent teacher. Area has cotton farming, dairying, corporation farming on huge scale.

Anna with a 5th grade group at Corcoran city schools. No integration problem apparent here.



"My 'Jack of all trades' life has come in handy for my present branch of teaching, program involving Crafts, Homemaking (cooking and sewing), Gardening and a limited amount of academic essentials (3 R's). Of value was my work in Automobile Club Restaurant, Minneapolis, institutional kitchens, and the year and a half (1939-40) in a Research Hospital for Rheumatic Fever near New York City, as a Recreational Teacher. (Washington Irving country, on Hudson river) All has helped me in a practical sense."

"Early in life I expressed the desire to become a missionary and go to Africa. Doesn't this picture look like Africa. I remember so well Dad's words, 'You don't have to go anywhere. Just begin here; right where you are!' I'm afraid that was really a big order. My immediate family will also remember how I thought of going to Omaha or Axtell to become a Sister. Be that as it may, many opportunities to be "a Sister" and "a Missionary" have surely come my way. Just how well, in God's sight, have I done? Too often I've been too human and too frail. I have learned, though, that Dad was right. God's work is right here, wherever we are, NOW."

THERE ARE SEVEN OF US

"You can't make noise like others do
Because, you know, there are seven of you."
So says my mom, my dad does too.
And we ~~stay~~ mum, you ~~bet~~ we do!
We never crowd or drag our feet
Or say out loud, "When do we eat?"
When company comes, we make no fuss
Because, you know, there are seven of us.

"You must be seen and not be heard;
You must be clean in deed and word.
Be always kind to one another;
Respect your dear old Dad and Mother."
Such admonitions come our way
Not only once, but every day.
It has to be like that because
We are so many - seven of us.

We must obey and toe the mark,
As did our forebears - in the dark.
We dare not ask to change our lot,
But do each task or you know what"
We dare not sin, nor even grin,
But like our kin, should aim to win
Life's battles without fuss;
Because, you know, there are seven of us.

Rosalind Sorensen



Rosalind, 1928.



Ray and Ro, 1933.



Ray's family, 1910.

ROSALIND

JUDITH ROSALIND, was given her mother's name, also a Bible name, and a name made famous by William Shakespeare in "*As You Like It*." Her early life and education has been described in a previous story dealing with the Olof-Judith home and family. In 1933 she married RAY SORENSEN of Center, North Dakota, who is engaged in farming and raising Black Angus cattle. They lived near Center until 1944, since which their address has been Driscoll, North Dakota. At the present time Rosalind, also known as Ro, is teaching school in addition to homemaking duties. She holds a N. D. Second Grade Professional Life Certificate, earned by a year's work at Valley City Teachers' College and two years' work at Dickinson.

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Rosalind Sorensen

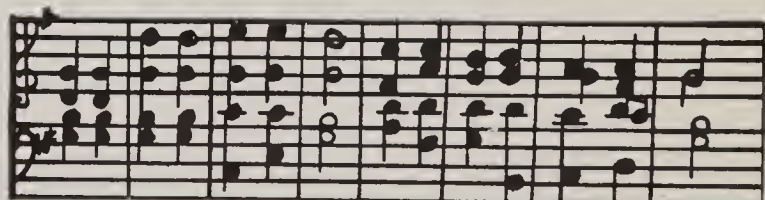
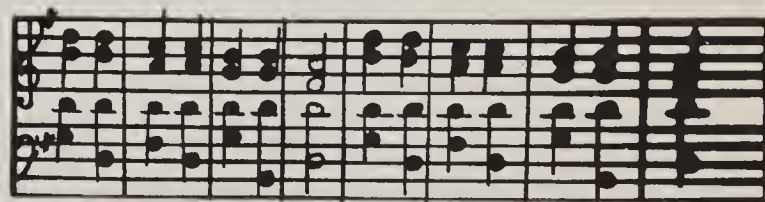
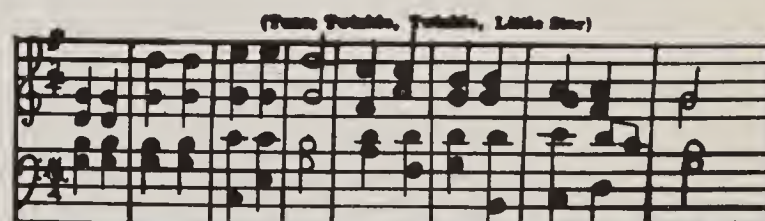
Driscoll Pioneer Local - Burleigh County

NATIONAL AWARD - 1954

Rosalind Sorensen

Driscoll Pioneer Local

Burleigh County



Jolly, jolly campers we, -
We're as happy as can be.
Learning lessons all the day,
With some time for fun and play.
Playing games with all our might -
What a happy, happy eight!

Welcome, welcome to this hall!
Welcome one and welcome all.
Here we learn to light the way
Toward a better happier day.
Farmers Union kids are we -
Happy, happy as can be!

Soon we will be grownups too;
Then we'll sit out there with you.
Then we hope to do our share
Building co-ops everywhere.
For the present as you see
Happy carefree kids are we!



Darrel and Dick

Rosalind was a member of the college debate team at Dickinson State Teachers' College in 1931-32; has served as 4-H leader and as County Junior Leader for the Farmers' Union. She has written some program material for Farmers Union camps and local meetings. Hobbies are writing verse and reading.

Ray is a past president of Driscoll Pioneer Farmers' Union Local; served as member of School Board and also Township Board for a number of years; supervisor on Board of South Burleigh Soil Conservation District; has received two awards (plaques) for soil conservation practices on their farm. Hobby, gardening:

DARRELL KENNETH, Ro and Ray's oldest son, was confirmed in the American Lutheran Church at Driscoll in 1948; was member of high school debate team; graduated from Bismarck High School, an honor student, in 1952; served as Sterling township assessor two years; Page in state Senate one legislative session; Member of Executive Committee, Young Democrats Club in North Dakota. His hobbies are reading and politics; occupation, farming. Darrell was a candidate for the North Dakota House of Representatives in 1958 and did very well in traditionally Republican territory, although he was not elected. He carried all rural precincts.

H.S. Grad., '52.



DARRELL SORENSEN

Democratic Candidate for

**MEMBER OF
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Burleigh County
Driscoll, N. D.

Graduate Bismarck High School
Township Assessor Sterling Twp.
Secretary Sterling Community Civic Club
Member American Lutheran Church, Driscoll
Former Employee N. D. Legislature

Your vote and support will be appreciated.



Right: H.S., Grad.,
1953. Left: Dick at
work.



RICHARD OLOF prefers the name Olof but is usually called Dick. He and Darrell were confirmed at the same time. Dick was graduated with honors from Bismarck High School in 1953 where he had been a member of the debate team and of the tenor section in choir. He earned his degree in Fine Arts from the Minneapolis School of Art in 1957. Hobbies: music, plays piano some, likes classical music; painting; cooking and baking. Occupation: Fine Art and Interior Decorating. If you go past the Three Sisters Stores in St. Paul you might see him arranging window displays. He works there in the daytime and paints in the evening. Some of his paintings have received special recognition for excellence. Newspaper picture and clipping reproduced herein refer to one of several occasions of recognition.

It has been suggested that Dick inherited some of his artistic talent from his grandfather Olof and some from his great-grandmother Olson. Christine Olson stood out among the early pioneers of the Walnut Grove area as a gracious lady of refinement. Her manners and her appearance pointed up the fact that not all pioneers were the "rough and ready" type. The West and Middle West did not produce many artists in those days, perhaps because pioneer hardships tended to foster the misconception that work meant physical work. How fortunate for our culture that a few did appreciate the labors of those who communicate in the fields of fine arts and language arts, passing on to some a desire to express themselves and to serve in these areas, and to all a more balanced conception of work.

When Darrell and Dick were boys at home, Darrell enjoyed farming and earned his spending money working on the farm, whereas Dick disliked farming. Before Dick was old enough to get a job off the farm he raised potatoes. He cared for them, dug, washed, sacked and sold them to the stores in Driscoll and Sterling. After age sixteen he secured work in a Spudnut Shop in Bismarck, sometimes baking doughnuts until two in the morning while attending high school. Later he worked in Dairy Queens. He stayed with his great-grandmother when he worked in Bismarck. During the four years that he attended art school in Minneapolis he kept the same part-time job as clerk in a drug store.



RICHARD SORENSEN
Shown at his easel in St. Paul

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Richard Sorensen to Show 15 Paintings Here Friday

Fifteen large pictures, painted by Richard Olof Sorensen, 1953 Bismarck High School graduate, will go on display Friday in the G.P. Steak House.

The Bismarck exhibit is Mr. Sorensen's third one-man show. He had a show at Westgate Theatre

and at John W. Thomas Co. lery in Minneapolis this year.

His oil painting, "Third Av South," was chosen to hang in Local Artist's Exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art in 1955.

Mr. Sorensen attended rural schools in the state and studied with Miss Ruth Rudser while attending Bismarck High.

After his graduation in 1953, he attended the Minneapolis School of Art. He received scholarships for three of his four years there and received a bachelor of fine arts degree with honors in 1957.

Mr. Sorensen, son of Mrs. Sorensen, Driscoll, is now living in St. Paul.

The Bismarck-Mandan Art Association sponsors a state art show in November. After the show, the best representative paintings will be hung for three months in the Steak House.

At three other times during the year, the work of one or more area artists is shown for a three months.

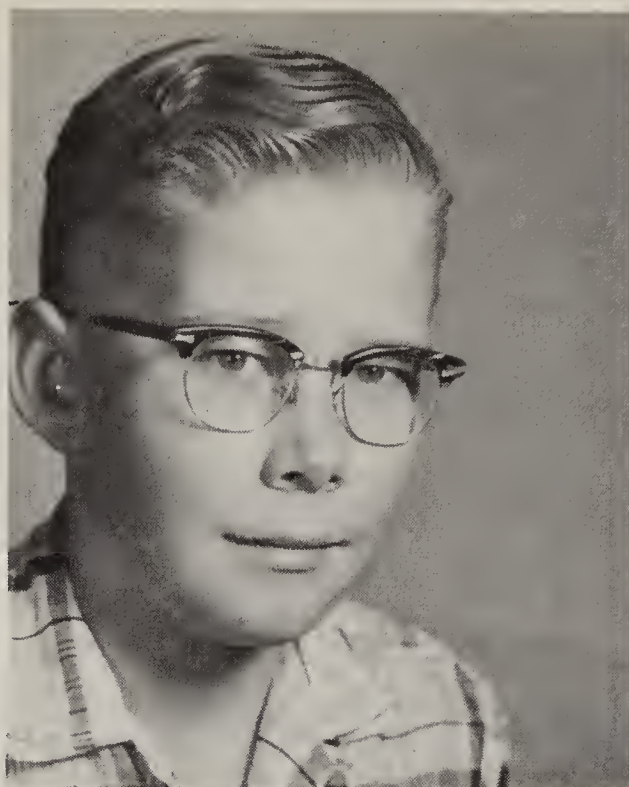
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*Richard now teaches
art in a Baltimore
city school. He works
on M.A. in fine arts
during summer sessions,
at U. of Md.*

WAYNE EDWARD, at present an eighth grader, likes to build model airplanes and also to use tools for making toys out of wood. He likes sports of all kinds; hopes to play basketball in high school. He has been catcher on the Driscoll Pee Wee League baseball team. He plays baritone horn in the Tappan School Band, and is now taking piano lessons.

DONNA ODETTE is also taking piano lessons. She is a very good student, likes school and Sunday School. Hobbies: reading and sewing.

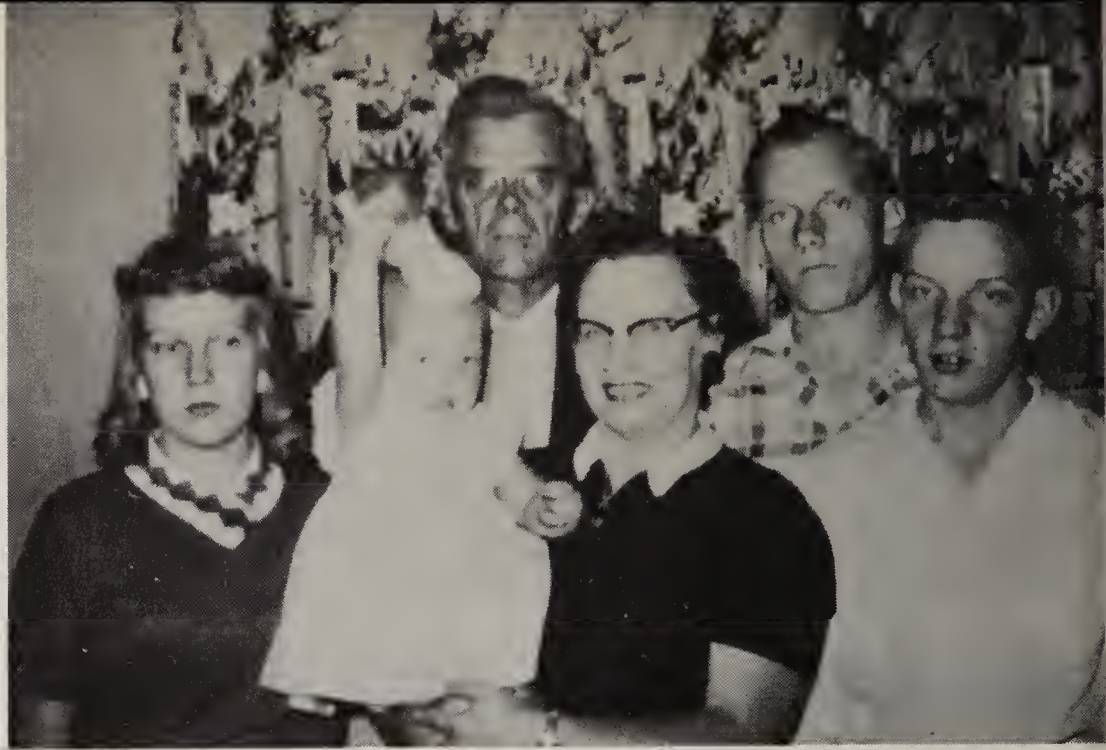




Top: Wayne, Donna.

Center: Ro and Ray celebrate their Silver Anniversary, June, 1958.

Left: Sorensen 7 quarters farm at Driscoll, N. D., purchased in 1943. They rent another 3 quarters pasture and 100 acres crop land.



DAN

WILLIAM DANIEL, born at the farm home near Braddock, North Dakota, received his elementary education at a nearby rural school and his high school at Braddock. He later took a short course in welding and mechanic training. He married ELVA LINNEA NELSON of Kintyre in 1938.

Occupation: Dan was at home with the folks on the farm until the fall of 1938; worked at Mandan three months. After marriage, took over shop work at Ford Garage in Hazelton, N. D., where they lived until 1941. Dan, having always been interested in welding, took job with blacksmith in Hazelton summer of 1939, working there until June, 1941. Set up own shop at Kintyre, N. D., operating that until fall of 1949. Took over management of farm machinery and hardware for Farmers Co. at Kintyre. In March, 1952, accepted position with Farmers Union Central Exchange of St. Paul as farm machinery blockman in the Northeast Montana block, with residence at Wolf Point, Montana.

Memberships, offices held, etc.: Entire family, members of Lutheran church at each place of residence. Dan: Luther League chairman at Braddock; Building Committee chairman, Kintyre; Trustee, Trinity Lutheran, Kintyre; Choir, Braddock and Kintyre; Clerk, Cambell School Dt. Emmons Cty, also Cty chairman Farmers Union. Served on Board Kidder, Emmons, McIntosh Cty's R. T. A. Chairman of Kintyre Credit Union; School Board, Kintyre; Board of Education First Lutheran Church, Wolf Point.

Top, left: Dan; center: Dan and Elva, 1938; right: The Dan Nordstrom Family, 1958. Right: Susan Joy, 1958. Below, left: home at Kintyre, 1941-52; center: home at Wolf Point; right: David, Kenneth, Karen, 1945.





Elva: Ladies Aid, chairman and secretary, Braddock rural Lutheran and Kintyre, and secretary at Wolf Point. Sunday school and Wednesday school teacher at Wolf Point. Church deaconess.

Elva's hobbies are sewing and textile painting. Dan is interested in agronomy (soils, plants, fertilizers) for dry land farming; machining iron; lathe work; do-it-yourself projects; moving picture photography; speed boating.

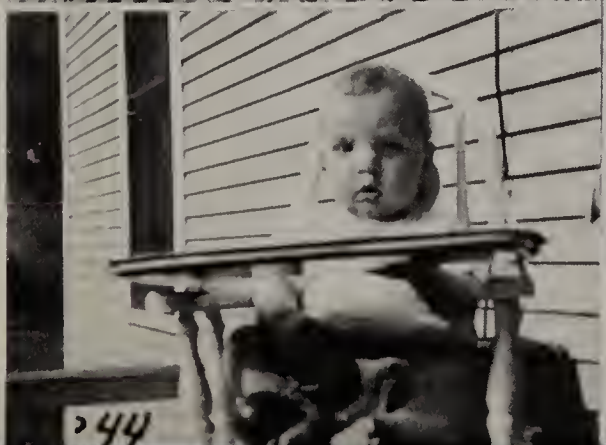
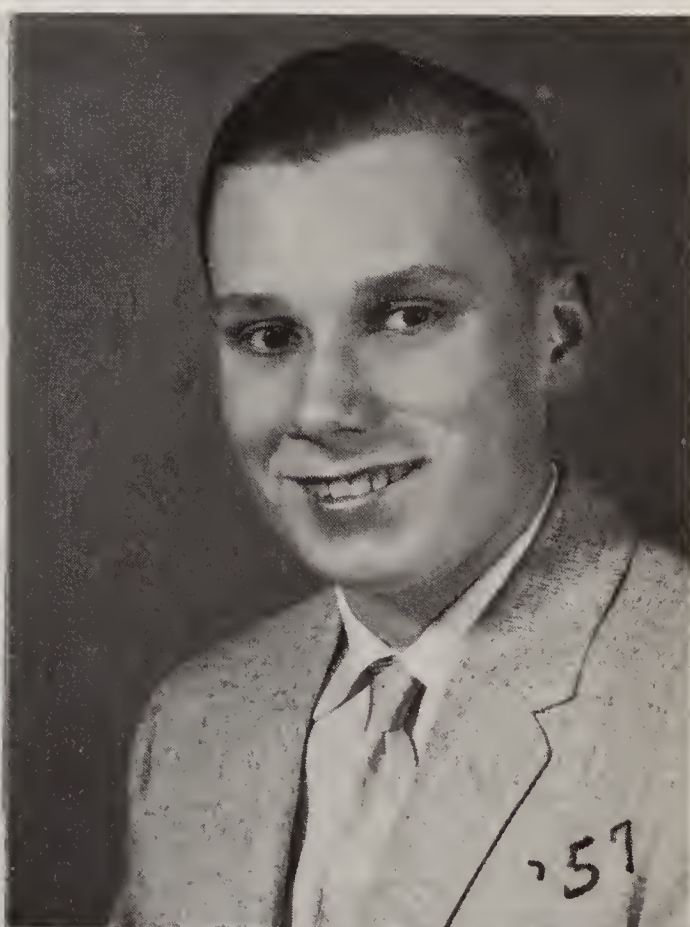
Dan and Elva's youngest child, SUSAN JOY, was two in June this year. She is a blue eyed, blond joy to the whole family.

KENNETH WILLIAM, the oldest, graduated from the Wolf Point High School in 1957. He works for Rothe's Dairy, drives milk delivery truck out of town, making house to house and store deliveries, etc. Kenneth likes to read, especially newspapers and magazines, is interested in photography and enjoys outdoor sports—camping, fishing, big game hunting, archery.

KAREN EILEEN, a senior in high school this year, likes dramatics and sports. She sings in the high school chorus and in the youth choir at church, is active in Sunday school and is secretary-treasurer of the Luther League.

DAVID ALAN, high school junior, plays in the school band, is a member of the Photo Club, Sunday School, and enjoys fishing and big game hunting. He works part-time at Dairy.

Below: David
Center: Karen
Right: Kenneth





FLORENCE

FLORENCE GENEVIEVE, nick named "Foine," completed high school at Braddock, two years of college at Dickinson, N. D., and some college work at Fresno, California. While she was a child she snared gophers with the boys and Elaine, rode horse back to school—later drove the car, did considerable sewing, was active in 4-H, won first place in a high school speech contest, taught summer church school and Sunday School at Braddock, did much reading, and sang as a member of the Nordstrom quartet on numerous occasions. She took a boat and train trip to Alaska in 1951, does painting as a hobby, plays the piano, sings in the church choir and teaches Sunday School at St. Timothy's Augustana Lutheran Church in West Covina, California.

Following eight years of rural school teaching, Florence was a Farmers' Union Fieldworker for six years and State Director of Youth Education for seven years. While working for the Farmers' Union she lived at Jamestown, North Dakota. At present she is employed as bookkeeper for Ettro Distributing Company and lives at West Covina, California. Mother Judith has spent the winter months with Florence of late, both of them enjoying the mild California climate.

FRANZ

FRANZ OLOF received his elementary and high school education at Braddock, followed by college work at State Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale, N. D. His wife is the former EDNA GUNDERSON, known as LULU, the daughter of T. O. and Gina Mattson Gunderson of Watford City, N. D. She



Left: high school graduation
Center: marriage, 1946.
Below: in Phoenix, 1959.





The Franz Nordstroms at home in Phoenix, Arizona.

grew up in the Watford City community, active in church and school, being graduated from high school there. She has sung solos for many special occasions and received highly superior rating for high school soprano solo in Williston, N. D. district 4 years and in state one year. She was employed by the N. D. Agriculture and Labor Dept. at N. D. State Capitol from 1942 until her marriage in 1946.

Franz farmed at Braddock until 1948; was equipment foreman with North Dakota Water Conservation Commission at Bismarck, 1948-1956; is co-owner with Florence Nordstrom of Electronic Enterprises and is manager of same, engaged in the sale of electron tubes in Phoenix and Tucson, since 1956. He enjoys reading, traveling and singing, at present with the Hope Lutheran Choir. Memberships, offices: Clerk of Campbell School District, Braddock; Treasurer, Maria Lutheran Church, Braddock; Member, Nordic Mens Chorus, Bismarck; Member of Board of Education, Hope Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

Lulu's activities: Treasurer, Richolt PTA, Bismarck; Sec'y of Charities and Home Missions of General Ladies Aid, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck; Sec'y Ladies Aid Circle number 7; Choir.

FRANCINE SUE is busy at home, church and school, playing piano and clarinet; singing in the Junior Choir (alto) and serving as treasurer of the Junior Luther League at Lutheran Church of Hope. She has hazel eyes and blond hair. TYLER OWEN is a blond, blue-eyed boy of seven, busy as seven year old boys are. JEFFREY BARTON, the youngest Olof-Judith grandchild, arrived in April of '58. He has brown eyes and blond hair.

Below, left: Gale and Lois in Italy, 1945; right: The Gale Nordstroms enjoy a camping trip.





Above: Gale, 1936.
Right: Lois and
her brother.
Far right: Gale,
1942.



GALE

GALE EDWARD, youngest of the Olof Nordstrom sons, married LOIS MARIAN LUNDGREN of St. Paul, Minnesota, at Topeka, Kansas, March 22, 1945. The ceremony was performed by Pastor C. R. E. Friedstrom of the Augustana Lutheran church. They have three children: ROGER EDWARD, CAROL SUE and PAUL ALAN.

SCHOOLING

Gale: Braddock High School; Military, Air Force Gunnery and Navigation, 1944; Civilian, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering,—U. of Minnesota, 1948. Lois: Wilson High School, St. Paul; B. S. in Nursing Education—U. of Minnesota, 1945. Minneapolis General Hospital and U. of Minn. Hospitals.

OCCUPATION

Gale: Air Force, 1st Lt. 1943-7; Bearing Application Engineer—Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, Ohio, 1949-52; Industrial Clutch and Marine Transmission Application Engineer, Twin Disc Clutch Co., Racine, Wis., 1953-. Lois: Treatment Room Nurse and asst. Head Nurse, U. of Minnesota Hospitals, 1945-46; Part-time general duty nurse, 1950-51, 1955-56; homemaker.

MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES HELD, ETC.

Gale: Zion Lutheran Church (LFC) —on Finance Board, Chairman of Couplinks Club; member, American Society of Automotive Engineers. Lois: Secretary of church Couplinks Club; "Great Books" discussion group; P. T. A. Roger: Boy Scouts; Junior Choir; Plays cello in Racine Junior Symphony.

INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, ETC.

Gale: Bowling with church in Lutheran Men's League of Racine; camping hiking and traveling as a family unit. Lois: Reading, gardening, copper-enameling (art class), painting, sewing and furniture refinishing; stamp collecting. Roger: Stamp collecting; working with chemistry set.

The Air Force left Gale with the desire to take occasional trips. After studying 19 straight months for his degree from the U. of Minnesota, the first job (4 years) seemed depressing and "tying down" in contrast with the fast-moving events in the service. Gale finds his present job at Twin Disc Clutch



Left: Lois in nurse uniform, at loom, 1946. Center and right: Carol, Paul and Roger, 1957.

Co. a happy combination of always anew and interesting assignments with occasional trips via commercial or company planes that have taken him to such places as New York, New Orleans, Seattle, Philadelphia and intermediate points.

A high point of our lives, Gale and I feel, was the ten months we spent together in Italy. Gale, of course, had his Air Force duties to fulfill; but every time Gale was sent anywhere on a trip, I would throw things in a suitcase, hop in the jeep, and away we would go! We saw a large part of Italy that way (and had one week in Switzerland)—largely from a non-tourist viewpoint; and we brought home many souvenirs, colored slides, memories and warm friendships. We spent our real honeymoon on the Isle of Capri, saw an opera at La Scala in Milan, climbed the Leaning Tower of Pisa, met some visiting Swedes in the main Forum in Rome, saw the seamiest side of life in Naples, and were captivated by the very lovely city of Florence. We still carry on correspondence with the friends we made there from the U. S. A. and a more casual one with a few people from Italy.

As a bride, I learned housekeeping the hard way; for, having a very limited number of household articles along, I had to roll pie crust with a bottle, scrub the laundry in the bathtub with approximately 8-10 gallons of water (water was rationed), cook only after 5 p.m. for the electricity was off from 6 a.m. until then, make do with feast-or-famine meals at the Army Commissary waxed or waned.

While in Italy, Gale and I became interested in camping although we didn't do too much of it until we were back in the States and living in Ohio. The past few years we have been enjoying it wholeheartedly, and the children have loved every minute of it. Wisconsin has been our favorite state for camping but we hope to see the other 48 after our children are older. The children like sleeping in the tent and eating outdoors, but I can't honestly say which they like best. Outdoor cookery is challenging but a lot of fun, too, and everything tastes extra-delicious out-of-doors. Last summer we camped at Lake-of-the-Clouds in Northern Michigan, and besides having the usual bear and/or racoon food hunters, we had a night visitor in the form of a porcupine under the bed. At one camp we had as neighbors, a group of Explorer Scouts who exercised each morning by running around the big circle where we were parked. One morning they could hardly make it around for laughing; and looking to see the cause of the merriment, we saw our two-year-old Paul puffing around the track after them, looking for all the world like he was in training for the 1970 olympics. Roger is an enthusiastic camper who will carry water $\frac{1}{4}$ mile for us when needed, while Carol is more interested in the social aspects and always makes friends with neighbors and is busy playing before we can get our tent set up.



The Gale Nordstrom family, left to right: Paul, Lois, Roger, Gale and Carol, 1959.

ELAINE

ELAINE MATHILDA, youngest of the Olof-Judith children, has generally been known as "Toots." Her second name is in honor of her Aunt Mathilda. She recalls at one time receiving from Aunt Mathilda a child's cook book which she enjoyed and used for a long time.

Elaine completed her high school education at Braddock in 1940, Junior College in Bismarck in 1941, two-year course at Teachers' College in Dickinson in 1945, and earned her B. S. degree at the University of Minnesota in 1948. Her major was Elementary Education. Occupation: teacher—librarian.





In 1949 Elaine married ROBERT VERNON UMBEHOCKER who had been graduated in 1948 from the University of Minnesota institute of Technology with a B. S. degree. His major was mechanical engineering. He has been a Sales Engineer with Armstrong Cork Co. since 1948. Military service: Pfc 4th Armored Div., European Theater, 1941, 1941-46.

Children: JOYCE ELAINE, DAVID NELSON, DOUGLAS ROBERT.

Memberships, Offices Held

Elaine: 4-H Clubs; Luther Leagues; S. S. teacher; Teacher organizations. Robert: High School band; U. of Minn. Band; Rifle Club; S. S. teacher; Engineering organizations.

Interests, Activities, Etc.

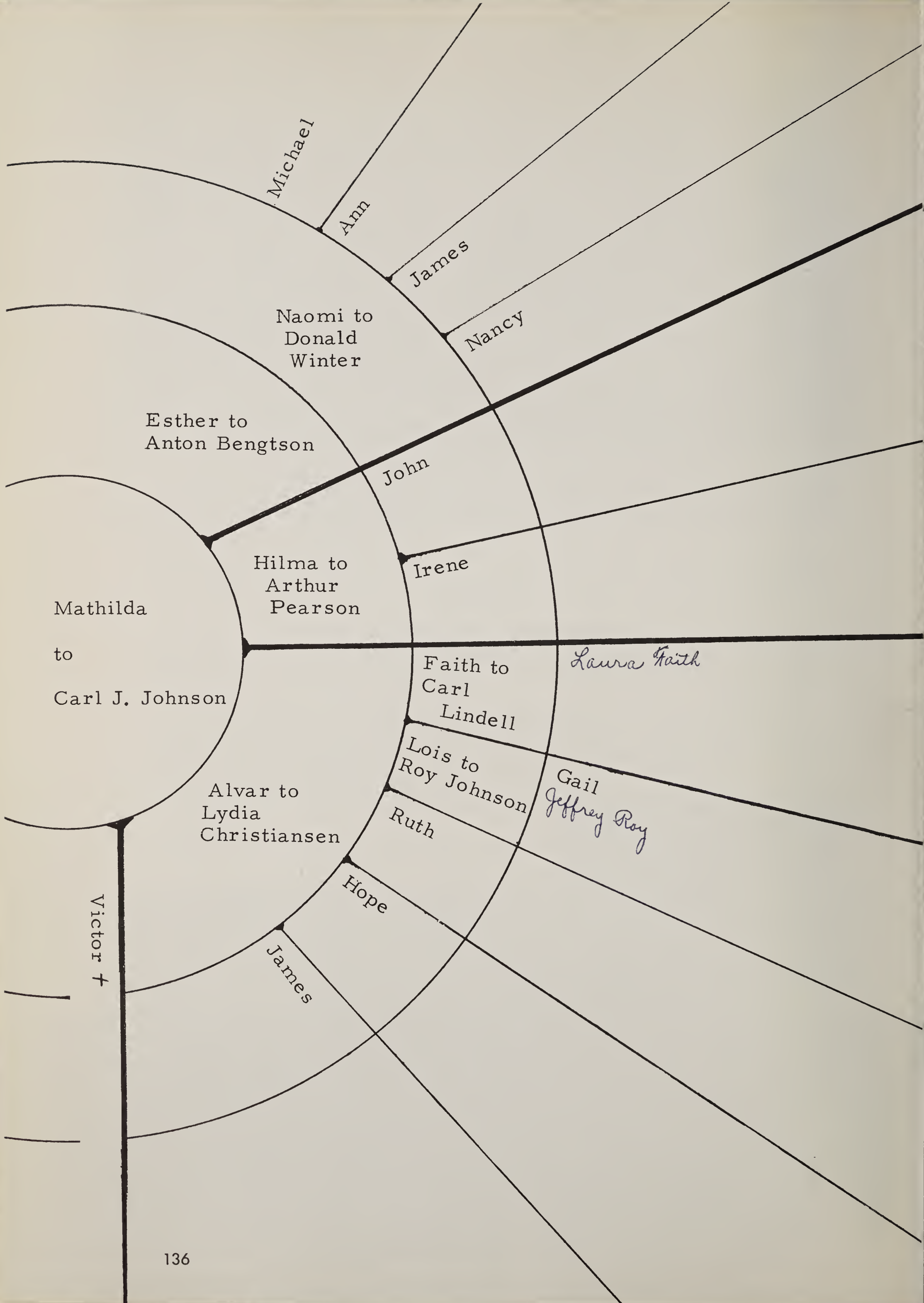
Elaine: Music, enjoys playing reed organ as hobby, choir; cooking; sewing; boating; nature study. Robert: Music, enjoys playing "anything with a mouth-piece"; choir; boating; nature study; a real "Do-it-yourselfer". Main project now, for both Elaine and Robert is remodeling an old summer house on Lake Minnetonka to a comfortable year-around home. Elaine says, "We are doing *all* the work ourselves."

Family residences: Memphis, Tenn., 1949-50; St. Louis, Mo., 1950-54; Excelsior, Minn., 1954-56; Wayzata, Minn., 1956-

Elizabeth Jane, born 7/21/60

Above: Elaine and Robert married, 1949. Elaine and Joyce, 1952.
Below: Douglas, David, Joyce, 1959. The Umbehocker home.





Michael

Ann

James

Nancy

Naomi to
Donald
Winter

Esther to
Anton Bengtson

John

Hilma to
Arthur
Pearson

Irene

Mathilda

to

Carl J. Johnson

Faith to
Carl
Lindell

Laura Faith

Lois to
Roy Johnson

*Gail
Jeffrey Roy*

Ruth

Alvar to
Lydia
Christiansen

Hope

James

Victor +

Mathilda





MATHILDA

Mathilda was born January 11, 1876, to Nils and Anna Nordstrom in Herslöv parish, Arrarp nr 2.

She did very well in all school subjects. Her confirmation certificate shows that she was superior in reading, understandable to her children who liked to have her lead in the daily family worship period because she read the Bible passage and meditation beautifully. Physically she did not rate above average. It was thought that she tired easily, but much was expected of children in those days. Perhaps her metabolism rate was low.

When Mathilda was eight years old her brother Axel was sent home from the farm where he was employed because he was ill with typhoid fever. He recovered, but others in the family, including Mathilda and brother Carl became ill. Because Mathilda was not expected to live, a funeral shroud was made for her. She too recovered, but Carl did not, and the shroud was used for him. Mathilda recalls that he looked so lovely in this shroud that she almost wished that she had been in his place.

Mathilda also recalls that her brother, only three years old, was a happy lad and a very good singer, singing constantly while about his play. One of his songs was a long poem about a fox.

Mathilda's singing voice, recognized by her teachers before her illness as highly superior was somewhat impaired. Her teacher bluntly expressed disappointment upon Mathilda's return to school by saying, "What have you done to your voice!" Even though her chances of becoming a Jenny Lind were gone, she continued to sing well. She enjoyed singing and learned numerous songs, both Swedish and English, easily. In the summer of 1959, after having been bedfast more than a year, she pleased her family by singing a number of songs without a hesitation. Among them were "Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet," "A Bicycle Built for Two" and the many stanzas of "My Sweetheart is the Man in the Moon."

Mathilda lost much of her hair after her bout with typhoid fever but it came back more curly than before. Her hair has often been admired, but niece Ella expressed it well when she wrote, in 1958, "I am so sorry that your mother is so poorly. When she was younger, I thought she had the softest, prettiest brown hair I ever saw. It curled naturally around her face in the cutest way. It's something one seldom sees now with all the permanents."

General information about Mathilda's childhood and an account of preparations for her emigration can be found in the story of her parents.

On March 16, 1892, at the age of sixteen years and two months, Mathilda sailed from Malmö, on the Cunnard line, leaving parents and two younger sisters at home in Sweden. Except for school and church attendance and an occasional visit to nearby relatives, she had not been away from home. She recalls one visit to her mother's parental home at Säby, having been much impressed by the beauty there and the many fruit trees. A trip to Landskrona was really an event.

Now she was leaving home to live with a brother whom she hadn't seen since she was ten years old, and then only on a few occasions when he had a free day from his work and came home to visit.

Mathilda had done spinning, weaving, knitting, sewing, cleaning, baking bread and some miscellaneous household tasks, but had done very little cooking.

After spending almost a month on a stormy ocean, alone with strangers, and after a long train ride, she arrived at Walnut Grove. Nels rode horseback into town to bid his sister welcome to America. Axel was to bring her to his own home so that she could meet her new sister-in-law and her nephew, Oscar, who was only a few days old. Axel and Olof met the 4:10 P.M. train at Walnut Grove driving a horse hitched to a two wheeled cart more primitive than the buggy their folks used in Sweden.

After a day at Axel's, he brought Mathilda to Nels' place. Lena took two days off from her work in Tracy and stayed with her sister to orientate her to American customs, grocery buying and food preparation. Much too soon, the young immigrant girl was left on her own ingenuity for housekeeping, and to the companionship of her brother, whose house that first spring and summer was an unfinished building used as granary after the completion of a "living house."

Thus Mathilda was without the aid of another woman in that great task of becoming accustomed to pioneer life, including meeting non-Swedish speaking neighbors, the Swedes having settled north of town. Some neighbors could speak Norwegian, much appreciated by a girl who understood no English. Later when Nels was not too busy, especially during winter seasons, Mathilda helped neighbors when their babies arrived or when they did housecleaning.

From this farm east of Walnut Grove, Nels and Mathilda saw hundreds of covered wagons and railroad trainloads of pioneers going Westward in search of fortune, or of homes they could truly call their own by virtue of ownership.

Approximately once a month at first, and then twice a month, a pastor arrived to conduct worship services at the Swedish Lutheran Church north of Walnut Grove. To these services Nels and Mathilda went with joy, for worship and for social contacts. It was always a pleasure to spend a Sunday afternoon at the home of their cousin Nellie, Mrs. John Nelson, or Aunt Hanna, Mrs. Lars Erickson. But sometimes it wasn't even possible to go out on Sundays because there were no "driving horses" and the work horses needed a day of rest during seasons when farm work was heavy. Mathilda tried desperately to be brave but she became more and more homesick. The isolation and the barriers which differences in language made were the most distressing of all. Nels had paid \$40 for her ticket to America and was giving her a small weekly allowance toward repayment of this. During some of her lonely moments she tried to figure out how long it would be before her debt to Nels could be paid and she'd have enough money for return fare back to Sweden.

One night, after crying herself to sleep, Mathilda dreamed that she was back home. She saw first her sisters sitting near the house playing with their dolls and was disappointed that they didn't even rise to welcome her but simply spoke a half-hearted greeting and continued their play. Joyfully she ran to her mother who was feeding chickens by the stable. Her mother, hearing someone approach, looked up a disinterested moment and said, "Well, so it's you who has returned," then continued her tasks.

Mathilda's anguish was so great in her dream that she awakened, to even greater suffering. She spent a sleepless night, praying for strength and courage to continue in this new and strange land and for wisdom to live well.

Although shy and overwhelmed by a feeling of inadequacy, she conquered her homesickness. She learned the language very well, without the aid of schooling. Nels subscribed to a weekly newspaper from which both he and Mathilda learned much English, carefully noting spellings. Later, when she worked at Hickses, their daughters helped her improve pronunciation. Much later, Mathilda's daughters who taught English said that their mother's letters were far better in spelling and composition than the average theme turned in for high school credit.

After Nels was married, early in 1897, Mathilda went to work for a family in Tracy. Lena was also in Tracy at that time.

In June of that year their parents and sisters arrived from Sweden. Because Mathilda was unhappy at her place and because her parents were now near Walnut Grove, she quit her job in July and started shocking grain at John Nelsons. She had shocked for brother Nels and knew it wasn't easy, but there was added compensation in that she could visit her parents each Sunday and on weekdays if it rained. In 1958, when Mathilda was ill in a Minneapolis hospital, an older nurse commented on the shape of her chest, saying that one sees such on men who have done strenuous physical labor and occasionally on a woman who has done likewise, though it is becoming a rarity.

While Mathilda worked at John Nelsons, the John I. Johnson family, including CARL JOHAN, saw and admired her for being willing to do field work. They had previously met her at the Nelson home. They and John had come from the same small town in Sweden. Carl Johnson had been working at the S. P. Hicks farms in Gales township but was leaving to work for Daley so that he could do some work now and then at the place which he and his parents had purchased, two miles north of town. When Mr. Hicks asked his hired men if any of them knew of a girl he could hire for housework, Carl said he knew an able girl who would be seeking employment now that harvest was past, and promised to bring her up there. And so Mathilda started working at the Hicks home when Carl left there. Hickses were a large family in addition to keeping four hired men in the winter and six in the summer and a herdboys. During the busiest times there were two hired girls, otherwise just one.

Mathilda received only \$3 weekly until the last half year when she received \$3.50, but she managed to save \$470 during the three years she worked there. This was a big help for the pioneer home and farm to which she later added her efforts. Her years at the Hicks home also furnished opportunity for companionship and conversation with active, vocal teen-age girls. The rural school teacher who boarded at the Hicks home added interest to life there. Because Mathilda had no transportation to the Swedish Lutheran Church except on rare occasions, she attended the Nettywent Methodist Church with the Hicks family. Here she learned to worship in English and added English hymns to her store of Swedish psalms. This aided her transfer to worship in English when her own Swedish Lutheran Church some years later not only changed its name to Trinity Lutheran but also used the English language exclusively.

Left: Banks of Plum Creek, location of dug-out described by Laura Ingalls Wilder, as seen from Johnson's front porch. Right: Familiar apple tree, seen from back porch.



Mathilda saw Carl Johnson, born at Väckelsång, Småland, Sweden, June 8, 1874, a few times when they both visited at the Nels Nordstrom home or at John Nelsons. Occasionally they made arrangements by correspondence to see each other. One such occasion was a July 4 celebration in Tracy, generally considered a "dating" occasion. Another time a man asked Carl to bring his daughter to Tracy so that she could be there earlier than what they could manage themselves. This he did, but left her with her family as soon as possible and sought out Mathilda Nordstrom whom he had seen on the grounds. He brought Mathilda back to Hickses that evening and from then on they were accepted as a sure couple. The first time such had been suggested was in 1893 when they chanced to join the church together and were called up to the altar for the reception. Then there was the time that they were attendants for Nels Nordstrom and Anna Johnson's wedding.

Olof had taken a homestead in North Dakota and asked Mathilda to go with him as housekeeper. She accepted and made plans accordingly. Mrs. John I. Johnson heard about her intended leaving and feared that her son Carl might lose out. Carl's father also urged his son to exchange rings with Mathilda at once and plan for marriage soon. Besides other reasons she may have had for her approval, Mother Karolina Johnson had heard that Mathilda could save money and had done right well for herself. She was the only girl who had ever seriously interested Carl, and so he obeyed his parents and his heart by asking Mathilda to be his wife and to set an early date for the wedding. He has always been glad he did, and has spoken to their children about her fine qualities, saying that she has been a very good wife and helpmeet. Carl and Mathilda's devotion to each other has grown through the years and has been especially obvious and beautiful in old age. Recently when Mathilda thought she was to depart this life it was his telling her how much he needed her that gave her renewed strength and will to live. He did not always give her the attention in little things which he might have, largely because he had not been taught to understand the importance of such little things, but in everything which was vital he has shown himself not only a good provider but tenderhearted and generous, possessing a great love and admiration for the girl whom he asked to share life with him.

After Carl's proposal of marriage, Mathilda returned to Hickses rather than accompany Olof. She and Christine decided on a double church wedding, having an expert seamstress make similar wedding dresses for them. They had begun to work on reception plans when great sadness came to them and to all the Nordstroms. On March 23, after only three years in America, Father Nils Nordström passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Changes had to be made. Mathilda and Carl, Christine and Peter were married at the parsonage in Tracy November 7, 1900. Following the ceremony the wedding party, including their witnesses, had a bountiful dinner at the home of Peter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson of Tracy. Christine and Peter Magnell took the afternoon train to Minneapolis for a short honeymoon. Carl and Mathilda drove to his farm north of Walnut Grove. Judith Olson, who later became Mrs. Olof Nordstrom, tells us that she well remembers that day because she chanced to be at the depot in Tracy when the entire wedding party came there to see Christine and Peter off on the train. She remembers the occasion because she was thrilled to see Olof, one of the attendants.

Farm house & outbuildings replaced 1915



Whatever dreams the young Mathilda Nordstrom had when she agreed to wed Carl Johnson or when as a bride she rode with him to the farm where she was to spend most of her life, we can not record. Some fell by the wayside and others were fulfilled, as is the experience of all who travel through life. Once she admitted having hoped before their marriage to buy an organ so that she could play and sing with her husband from the beginning of their life together. Her money was needed to pay off Carl's father so that he could buy a farm for himself elsewhere; besides, she learned that her Carl did not sing. Later she found that she had to do most of her singing while working because there was scarcely time to sit at an organ, though time was always set aside for a daily family altar and the organ could have been used then. Mathilda was very busy trying to keep house well, as done by her own mother; to help out-doors, as done by Carl's mother; to raise chickens and garden for subsistence, and flowers for aesthetic delights. All this she did besides bringing up a family needing Mother's love and care. Though she didn't get her organ, she did get other joys and says that life has been good. Through it all she acknowledges the constant care and blessing of God, the fellowship of her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mathilda appreciated living reasonably close to town and to church so that she and her family could enjoy the benefits of both. She hitched the horse to the buggy and drove to Ladies' Aid meetings or to town for the weekly trading—a term used in those days because eggs were traded for groceries. At first she did field work and chores regularly but after Carl bought the third eighty, in 1902, he kept a hired man. Mathilda helped in the field during special times, such as haying, and did much chores so that the men could stay in the field longer. One of her trials those early days was that of trying to keep the sheep within fences which were not really adequate for sheep.

A special pleasure was going out on the hill west of the grove and looking far, far into the distance, temporarily forgetting fatigue and frustration while enjoying the realization of being a part of a great and wonderful universe, drinking deeply of the pleasures of a greater life, extending above and beyond the horizon. And then there were the warm, friendly contacts with the Plum Creek neighbors and friends, and with the relatives. The aim was to have each related family over for Sunday dinner at least once a year, usually inviting two or more families at one time. Other Sunday afternoons were spent visiting. There were a number of winter and a few summer Sundays when Mathilda and Carl relaxed at home, providing opportunity for rest and family fellowship. On the Sundays when there were services at the church, all attended worship there before visiting or resting.



Victor



Hilma + Esther
1907



Esther, Hilma,
Alvar



Alvar, Hilma,
Esther
1927.



Pictured here is a group gathered at the John Nelson home in September of 1912. Left to right, front row: Esther Johnson, Ella Nordstrom, Hilma and Alvar Johnson. Second row: Alvin, Lillie and Emma Nelson, Anna Swanson, Edwin Nordstrom, Victor Nordstrom (behind Ella), Elmer Nelson, Henry Olson, Victor Nelson. Third row: Mathilda, Carl and Victor Johnson, Pastor Sjolinder, Nels and Anna Nordstrom, Hanna Erickson. Back row, toward right side: Nellie and John Nelson. Obviously, the above picture could appear in several sections of this family history, but it is used here because it is the only picture which Carl Johnsons had of their son Victor.

It seems that Victor had been especially close to the hearts of Mathilda and Carl. His passing knit them closer together, with the realization that their family had begun to gather in heaven. Many years later Mathilda spoke thus concerning the loss of her baby, "I wanted another baby. My arms seemed so desperately empty. Yet, when I knew I would not have another child I realized it was better. I didn't have the necessary strength to have another baby nor to care for my family and do all the work there was to do. Also, I thought of the wars and other suffering and dangers, physical and spiritual, from which Victor was spared now that he is safe in the arms of Jesus." On the back of his baptismal certificate she has copied a comforting poem and the Bible verse, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord."

In 1918 Mathilda had serious operations and recovery took some time, but after that she felt better.

Mathilda canned (covering jars with water and boiling a long time in a big wash boiler) roast beef and roast pork, preserved meat balls by pouring hot lard over them and setting away in a cool place, preserved pork side and bacon in salt or in brine. Specialties were her cured hams and dried beef, which she smoked in a barrel and stove device which she constructed herself some distance from the house. These were exceptionally good.

917- Carl uses little bob sled for trip to W. H. Andersons & Johnsons drive to school, 1916





Her pies always were "out of this world." An episode oft repeated in the family circle was that of Alvar's eating in a cafe when a boy and, looking for "something different," ordered rhubarb pie. Imagine his disappointment when he was brought the familiar "pie plant pie"—and not so tasty as that made by his mother.

Mathilda sewed well and speedily, everything from fine dresses, slips and bloomers to the regular mending of grain sacks, so important in those days of sacking grain during threshing time. She knit some lovely caps, mittens and a few sweaters, teaching her girls to knit, crochet, embroider, and to make dolls. Even Alvar learned to knit during World War I when knitting for soldiers was patriotic and popular.

The Johnson children remember riding to school as a bone-chilling experience when the weather was cold and horse-drawn buggies or sleds moved slowly. Aids to comfort were long underwear, high shoes, high overshoes, leggings, woolen dresses, sweaters, sheeplined or leather-lined coats, woolen knit caps and mittens, sometimes shawls or scarves over heads or around necks, depressingly heavy horse-hide robes over laps and feet. If the ride was in a bob-sled there were usually two or three box high sides to protect against wind, and sometimes a thick layer of hay or straw with some heated "sad irons" to help keep the feet warm.

In the summer time these slow rides or walks to school were enjoyable and educational. There were the meadowlarks singing from fence posts or ground all the way, showy tiger lilies, buttercups, sweet William, daisies, goldenrod, wild strawberries and robins made nostalgic by the "Robin Red Breast" song. Before the course of the creek was changed there were several curves, bridges, ponds and trees, some of which were overhanging on the narrow, picturesque road.



Above: Andersons visit; Johnson's old house in background. Family surrey ready to go. Left, as faces appear: Carl, Hilma, Mathilda, Esther and Alvar, shortly before Carl shaved his mustache.



1. Back row: Anton, Elaine, Edwin; Front: Alvar, Hannah, Hilma, 1926. 2. Mathilda, Carl, Christine, Peter, 1927. 3. Carl-Mathilda family visits Michigan relatives in 1927. 4. Tilda, Carl, Mathilda, 1920.

Much of the old charm is now gone, but all will admit that the present straight, paved roads are far more convenient. In those days there was always the experience of bridge approaches being washed out by a heavy rain or of a horse shying at a bridge and backing into the ditch rather than venturing across. Esther and cousin Alice had an experience of having a horse back off a railingless bridge and stopping only when the buggy hung suspended over the creek with its front wheels caught over the edge of the planks.

The bay window area of the Johnson dining room on the farm was always filled with lovely, vigorous plants. There were gloxinias, amaryllis, a variety of geraniums, Bethlehem star, fuchsia, fern, poinsetta and others. Mathilda had a green thumb; maybe this was knowing how much and when to water. She took time to set pots in pans of rain water periodically, watering from the top between times. She repotted frequently, mixing soil and fertilizers effectively. All this took time, but she and others enjoyed the results.

Mathilda did not give up flowers in town, though she cut down on their numbers. Her gloxinias and amaryllis have been especially pretty. On the farm, Esther has continued the bay window flower show, producing particularly beautiful African violets.

In 1947 Carl and Mathilda bought and moved into the F. O. Egge house in Walnut Grove. They enjoyed watching people go by, seeing the high school marching band practice, having the many kind neighbors and relatives call on them, proximity to church and to the stores and postoffice. Those who say that people do not like to move when they are up in years should note how thoroughly Carl and Mathilda have enjoyed their retirement home.

No account of Mathilda can be complete without mentioning some hymns. Because she knows and uses so many it is impossible to point out one or two as favorites. We would rather say that among her many favorite hymns are "Jesus, Lord and Precious Savior, All my Comfort and my Joy," "The Day Departs, Yet Thou art Near; With Thee at Hand we have no Fear," "When Vesper Bells are Calling The Hour of Rest and Prayer," "If I owned the World but lost the Savior," "Abode of Peace, my Father's Home Forever" and "All the Way my Savior Leads me." A study of these hymns speaks much about the person to whom they are dear. Mathilda has lived in baptismal grace from the time of infancy, in such close fellowship with her Lord that her sisters and brothers sometimes called her "the good Nordstrom." To that might be added, "the uncomplaining."



Farm north of Walnut Grove, 1957.



Home in Walnut Grove, 1947-



Four generations,
1954.



Mathilda Johnson

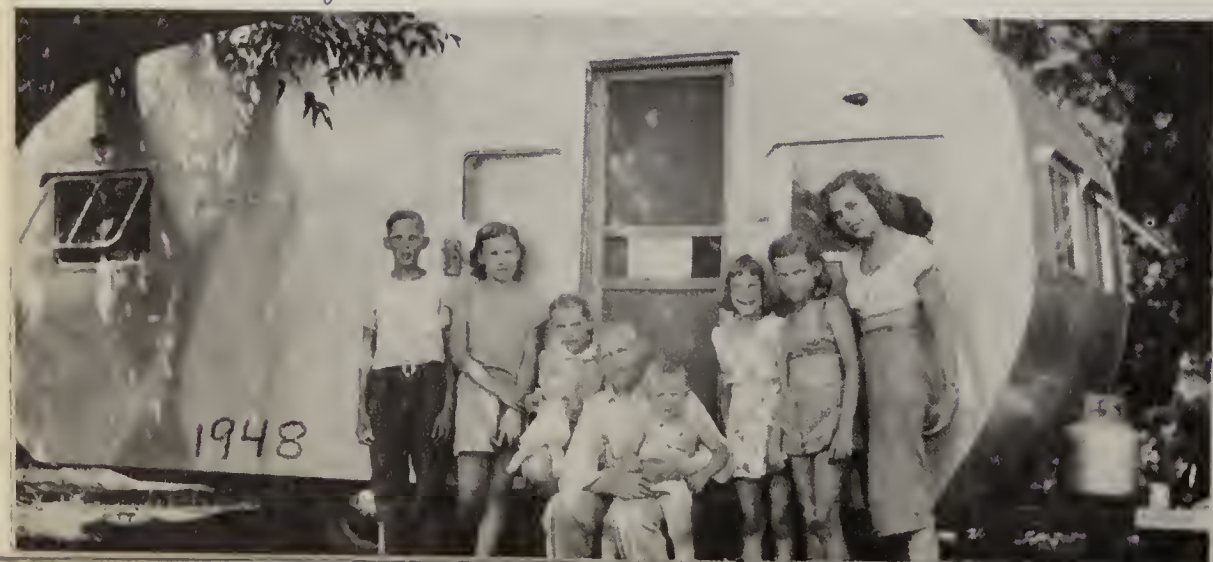
Mathilda has always possessed a subtle sense of humor. Because of her quiet manner, more vocal members of the family did not always realize this quality. This in turn tended to make her somewhat of an introvert. She possessed great moral and physical courage but less social courage. Her children, those who lived at her home at various times, such as Signe Anderson who boarded there when she taught at district 22, pastors of the church, friends whom her children brought home during their college days and others in the family or community learned to know and admire Mathilda as an exceptionally well rounded personality with a keen mind and equally keen sense of humor. She didn't go to college to learn teaching techniques but was an excellent teacher and a close companion to her children whom she taught. She used proverbs often and effectively, proverbs which have become precious to her family.

During the months that Mathilda has been bedfast, since May of 1958, she has retained her pleasant personality. Her pastor said recently that she gives him such an inspiration that it is a treat to call on her. Another person said, "She is the most profound person I have known." These qualities of later years were developed from foundations laid in early years." Though she worked hard and kept her feet on the ground she breathed the air of heaven.

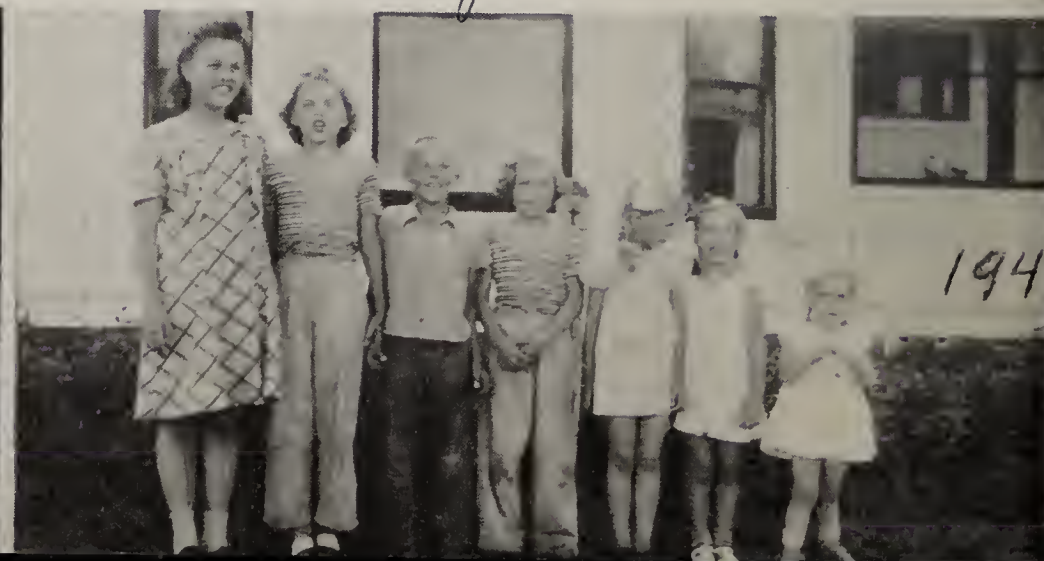
A couple of little things might be added. Mathilda was highly pleased that Olof and Judith named their daughter, Elaine Mathilda, in her honor, and was ever so happy when Elaine and Bob visited her in 1958, Elaine saying, "My folks named me Mathilda because they liked you."

Mathilda has always enjoyed reading and keeping up with current events, and even now that her reading is more limited she eagerly awaits the arrival of the Lutheran Companion and the Walnut Grove Tribune, missing no part of them.

Carl with grandchildren (except Naomi) in 1948.



Carl Mathilda's grandchildren in 1944.





1. John, Irene and Naomi play with Bengtson goats and dog. 2. Pearson and Walfrid cousins at Oakland in 1941. 3. Faith and Naomi play house at Brookside. 4. Grandpa Carl Johnson gives children buggy ride in what's left of surrey. 5. Faith, Ruth, Lois, Naomi and John "help" harvest oats. 6. Walfrids and Naomi play medic. 7. John and Irene try buggy used by grandparents for their babies. 8. Mathilda and Carl's family numbers fifteen with Hope the baby. 9. The Johnson farm home. 10. Back row: Lydia, Alvar, Irene, Art, Hilma, Carl, Mathilda; Front: John, Ruth, Faith and Lois, at Oakland, 1941. 11. At Faith and Carl's wedding, 1957: Carl, Faith, Alvar, Grandma Mathilda Johnson, Carl Lindell, Sr., Grandpa Carl Johnson. 12. Naomi + Faith make mud pies.





Mathilda and Carl,
1943

CHILDREN

Carl and Mathilda's children, Esther, Hilma, Alvar and Victor, were born at the farm home in North Hero township, Walnut Grove. They were baptized members of Trinity Lutheran Church, where the three oldest were confirmed. Victor, born April 15, 1912, passed away February 19, 1913, from gastroenteritis following influenza.

Esther, Hilma and Alvar were graduated from Walnut Grove High School and from Gustavus Adolphus College, with honors. Esther taught at Lily, South Dakota and Hills, Minnesota high schools before her marriage. Hilma taught at Crystal Falls, Michigan.

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER MARIA BENGTSON

BORN

September 9, 1902

ENTERED INTO REST

March 24, 1960

SERVICES

Trinity Lutheran Church, Walnut Grove
2 P. M. Saturday, March 26

OFFICIATING

Rev. Erni T. Holm

PALLBEARERS

Oscar Anderson	Bernard Carlson
Marvin Bondeson	Victor Nicholson
Dale Burnham	Emil Steffen

INTERMENT

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,
my help and my God.

Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth;
let them lead me,
let them bring me to Thy holy hill
and to Thy dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise Thee with the lyre,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God: for I shall again praise Him
my help and my God.

Psalms 42:11; 43:3-5



Little Esther



College graduate, 1926.



Courtship Days



Wedding trip.
1930.

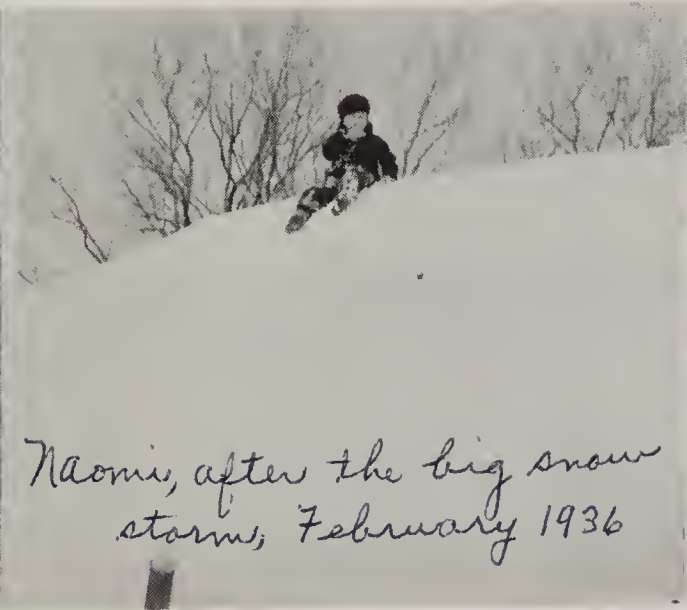


Family of three, 1932.

Esther Johnson Bengtson

ESTHER Maria, born September 9, 1902, married N. Anton Bengtson (July 25, 1899) March 22, 1930. They live on the Carl J. Johnson farm, which Anton operates.

Esther and Anton have one daughter, Naomi Corrine, born October 13, 1931, baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Walnut Grove. After graduation from Walnut Grove High School and one year at Gustavus Adolphus College she completed a course at Minneapolis Business College and then worked at Citizens State Bank, Redwood Falls. She married Donald Winter, born November 9, 1930. They live at Fort Worth, Texas, where Don is buyer for Swift and Company. Their children: Michael (July 15, 1953), Ann Marie (June 14, 1954), James (June 7, 1955) and Nancy Kay (July 13, 1956).



Naomi, after the big snow storm, February 1936



Naomi, 1935



Naomi as high school grad



Anton
Esther
at their 25th anniversary



The Winters 1956



Esther visits her grandchildren
at Fort Worth, Texas
1957



HILMA Mathilda, born September 17, 1905, married Arthur B. Pearson, an Augustana Lutheran pastor, June 22, 1933. Arthur was born December 20, 1904 at Bancroft, Iowa, where his parents, August and Ida Pearson, farmed until 1920 when they moved to Litchfield, Minnesota.

Arthur and Hilma have lived in Nebraska, Michigan, Texas and, since August 1957, at Svea, Minnesota. A. John, born December 14, 1936, was graduated from Hillcrest High School, Dallas, Texas and, in June, 1959, from Gustavus Adolphus College. He is employed by Eastman Kodak Co. in Dallas and is also taking a course at Southern Methodist University, but plans to commence graduate work at Boston University next fall, in preparation for work in the field of Public Relations.

Irene Lenore, born October 24, 1939, also a Hillcrest High School, Dallas, graduate is a third year student in the Gustavus Adolphus College degree nursing program and is a member of the U.S. Army Student Nurse Corps, to go on active duty after graduation in 1961.



Irene, 1941.



*Irene + John,
1941*



John, 1938



ALVAR Bernhard Walfrid (Walfrid, surname) was graduated from Augustana Theological Seminary and ordained into the gospel ministry of the Augustana Lutheran Church in 1934. He has served with distinction as parish pastor and in church at large and community in Iowa and Minnesota, presently at Calvary Lutheran in Minneapolis.

On June 14, 1934 Alvar married Lydia Christiansen, born in Denmark to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Christiansen and brought at age two to America. The Christiansens lived in Iowa for a time and then at Palisade and at Aitkin, Minnesota. After completion of high school and business college, Lydia was employed as secretary for the Director of the Lutheran Minnesota Conference Board of Christian Service, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Alvar and Lydia's children: Faith, born May 1, 1935, now Mrs. Carl Lindell; Lois, born November 23, 1936, now Mrs. Roy Johnson; Ruth, July 18, 1938; Hope, February 17, 1942; and James, October 31, 1945. Faith and Lois are honor graduates of G.A. College and have taught school.

Carl Lindell was an engineer with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, where he and Faith lived one year, and is now a student at Northwestern Theological Seminary of the United Lutheran Church. Roy is a teacher in the Minneapolis public school system. Lois and Roy have a daughter, Gail, whose mother, Roy's first wife, passed away while Gail was a baby.

Ruth graduates from Gustavus Adolphus College in June 1960 with a B.S. degree in nursing. After receiving her R.N. she will, in the fall, go on active duty with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

Hope, a talented girl who has earned many honors in music and dramatics, graduates from Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis, in June 1960 and plans to attend college. James (Jim), exceptionally good in reading, archery and swimming, is now a tenth grader at Roosevelt High School.

Faith + Carl

Lois + Roy with Gail





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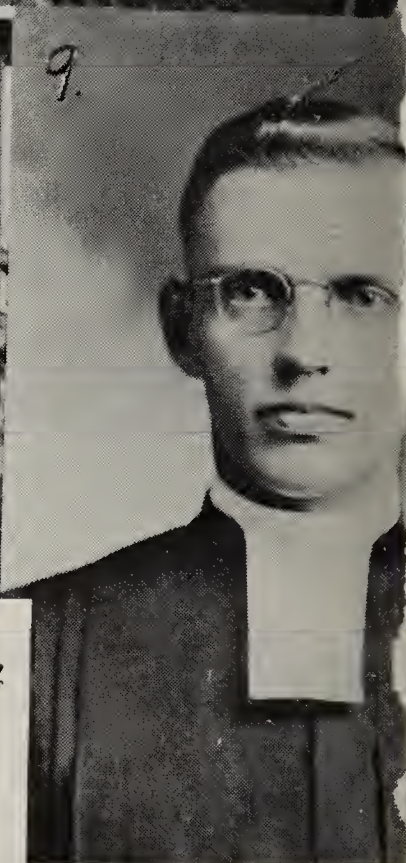
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1. Lydia, 18 mos.
2. Alvar, approximately 18 mos.
3. Alvar, 1919
4. First long pants, 1920.
5. Farmer Alvar, 1926.
6. Lydia, 1932
7. June 22, 1933, at Hilma + Art's wedding.
8. Carl and Emma with Alvar, following his 1st sermon, 6/24/29
9. Ordination, 6/10/34
10. Wedding, 6/14/34
11. Christiansens + Johnsons
12. At Holmes City, 1937, w. Faith + Lois



12.

Christine



Michel
Kent Allen
Jackie

Marion to

Dorothy to
Claude Canfield

Melvin
Bonnie

Joseph to
Nettie
West

*(Joseph was Peter's
son by former
marriage.)*

Betty to
Melvin Klein

Ruth

Judith Ann
to
James A. Stone

Christine

to

Peter Magnell

Elmer to
Leona Will

Constance

Anton to
Irene Sari

Margaret

Lynn

Melvin⁺



CHRISTINE

ELMER and ANTON

Christina Nordstrom Magrell

718 Lothian Drive
Tallahassee, Florida
November 15, 1957

Dear Uncle Carl and Aunt Mathilda,

Our beloved Mother departed for a better world last Sunday evening, November 10, at 9:00 o'clock, after being in a coma for six days. It doesn't seem possible that the human body is capable of such a struggle for existence but the three doctors who attended her assured us that she suffered little pain. It was a comfort to us that on Wednesday, as we prayed the twenty-third psalm, Mother opened her eyes and recognized us. She knew the meaning of prayer and displayed no fear of death. We thank God for a Christian Mother.

Except for her difficulty in getting about, Mother enjoyed unusually good health for her 79 years. She might have lived many additional years had she not fallen and broken her hip. On Saturday, November 2, she placed the wrong end of her cane on the floor, slipped and fell. Even at this time she was in excellent spirit but suffered a stroke after the operation on Monday to pin the bones in her hip.

Mother was buried on Wednesday, November 12, here in Tallahassee. This had been her wish along since she wished to be placed in a well-kept cemetery with our family. We were sorry that her sisters and Minnesota friends were unable to view her last remains but felt that Mother's wish should be granted.

Our Pastor Lehman gave an inspiring message referring to Mother's name, Christina - born to Christianity. We thank all of her relatives and friends for the many flowers and expressions of sympathy.

We naturally grieve Mother's passing but know that she was prepared and ready to die. Words can not express our thanks to her for the inheritance of sound health and a Christian home.

In sadness,

Elmer

Elmer and Family

Thus closed the earthly chapter of a beautiful life, a life yet continuing in her family and in a host of others whose lives hers influenced.

"Kristina, becoming Christina or Christine in America, was born in Herslöv parish, Arrarp, Skåne, Sweden, July 3, 1878. Home life has been described somewhat in the story of her parents, found earlier in this history. It seems that her childhood was spent primarily in two activities: going to school and church, and working. All children in those days were expected to do their share of chores—and there were many. As early as the thirteenth year Mother worked-out in other people's fields.



Above: Anton and Elmer. Above, right, as faces appear: Irene, Anton, Christine, Naomi, Esther, Mathilda, Carl, Elmer; front, Margaret, Judith Ann. 1944. Left: Peter and Christine and Christine on their wedding day, 1900.

The writer has his mother's report card dated April 27, 1892, from Arrarp, attending a school in Herslöv parish. Her reports were very good. She had a facility for memorizing and could recite her catechism in full at top speed even at the age of 79.

Christine came to America in 1897, to Walnut Grove, at the age of 18 years. She often spoke of her work at homes in Tracy. Her employers insisted on perfection in cooking and house cleaning. Mother always was a marvelous cook, having a facility for preparing tastily flavored foods. Whether this was a result of early training or not is purely an assumption—probably mostly natural talent.

On November 7, 1900 Christine married PETER MAGNELL in Tracy at a double wedding with Mathilda Nordstrom and Carl Johnson. The next sixteen years were spent on the farm two and one-half miles east of Tracy. In addition to its cost in money, "sweat and tears" went into that place. There were prairie fires to combat, floods in the spring, hail storms, severe winters, grasshoppers which ate fields, etc.

Sons, ELMER and ANTON were born in 1908 and in 1911 respectively. Christine lost two children, RUTH and MELVIN, which might have been unnecessary in modern medical times. Father Magnell even made the remark that, in the case of his first two children who had died, the doctor used healing methods directly opposite to those used today for this disease.

Besides caring for children, Mother often worked in the fields during rush seasons and always took care of poultry to make a little spending money. Her



Far left: Magnell home in St. Peter; upper left, in Tracy; lower, on farm near Tracy. Below: from Tracy Headlight Herald.

Melvin Clarence, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Magnell of Springdale township, died after a short illness Friday evening, April 5 aged one month and one day. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon from the home and interment made in the Swedish Lutheran cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents.

rising hours were 4:30 to 5:00 A.M. each morning, to make fire in stove, carry water, etc. There were kerosene lamps to keep; wood and corn cobs were carried for the stove; the outside toilet often had snow on the seat which had to be removed; in blizzards it was often hard to find the barn for milking; a mile and a half to a one room multi-grade school; etc. Yet, it was fun. Transportation to Tracy involved hitching horses to wagon or buggy in the summer and the sleigh in winter. Often one worried about returning home in a snow blizzard.

The high-light of trips was an "extended" journey of seven to eight miles to the Carl Johnson farm and a swing around to Nels Nordstroms and Axel Nordstroms.

Our relatives (Nordstroms, Johnsons, Carlsons, Magnells, etc.) have always been a cheerful and optimistic group of people. In those days of considerable walking, and work from early morn to night, there was still time for great enjoyment in work and play, probably more so than at present with all the modern conveniences. The family was a closely knit unit and there seemed to be time for deliberation, communication and fellowship. Plain hard work has no substitute in curing ills—physical or mental. Our forbears knew the meaning of hard work and sacrifice. All of us could learn a great lesson from then.

How was it possible for school teachers in those days to teach eight complete grades in *one* room with *one* teacher, and educate children so they would amount to anything? It has always been a source of amusement and pride to hear Rev. Walfrid relate his experiences of moving from a rural school to the village schools in Walnut Grove. First he skipped fourth grade by timidly sitting down in the seat nearest the door by which he entered, not realizing that this was the fifth grade side of the room. Months later when he informed his teacher of the error she saw no reason for demoting him. Later he skipped another grade by taking and passing eighth grade State Board Exams while still in the seventh grade. The answer is obvious. Alvar learned the material taught in the grades *above* the one in which he was enrolled simply by being attentive and alert. I can't believe he could be that brilliant otherwise—or was he? ? Anyway, those were the times!!

This seems to be a logical place for the editor to interrupt Elmer's account with some things which do not fit so well at the close where other additions are being made.

Uncle Magnell and Aunt Christine were great favorites among the nieces and nephews because they were lots of fun, making every social gathering bright. Aunt Christine placed more than average emphasis on neatness and beauty. She took time for children and old people. Small wonder that grandmother Nordstrom found a good home with Christine so many years. Uncle was a leader and a good speaker, as well as a good conversationalist.

While still on the farm, it seems that Magnell had "gotten wind" of a surprise appreciation party which neighbors and friends were giving in his honor. It is possible that Christine had tipped him off because she admired his wit and felt that he would come thru with brilliance if he had time to organize. Accepting the challenge, he sat down and wrote a splendid speech containing an opening sentence about his having been completely surprised on this occasion.

He was sitting on the sofa reviewing his speech when he really was surprised by some friends' arrival earlier than usual party time. He met the friends and then dashed upstairs to "dress for company." Having delivered his splendid speech at the correct time, he was truly surprised when someone handed him the script which, in his haste, he had left lying on the sofa.

We have heard the accuracy of this story challenged, but it continued to be told in family circles through the years, each narrator adding that Peter Magnell handled this embarrassing moment too with poise, turning it into fun for all.



Left to right, standing: Joé, Elmer, Dorothy, Anton, Marion, Nettie, Betty. Seated: Leona, Christine with Judith Ann, Peter, 1939.

Peter frequently made jests about his and brother John's noses, telling an incident from their mother's experience which closed with her admonition to her sons, "I hope that when you boys grow up you'll have skin on your noses." (This was based on a proverb which meant to beware of shysters.) Sometimes, jesting about his looks, he would say, "He who has seen me *once* never forgets me." with reference to his role as informal entertainer he often said, "When you tell a lie, tell it big so that people will know that it is a lie." And now, returning to Elmer's narrative.

In 1916 Peter and Christine decided they had worked hard enough and would retire. Problems later of lower interest rates, inflation, depression, etc. made it difficult to live without economizing continuously. At no time were the writer's parents extravagant in any detail, however small. He can remember eating out but once as a family at a restaurant, and that was from necessity.

A home was purchased in Tracy and the next ten years were uneventful except for the usual problems with over-active boys: sprained ankles; breaking window lights; trouble in school; fights; keeping them away from down-town; giving them a Christian up-bringing; etc. JOSEPH, son of father Magnell's first marriage (his wife was burned to death when clothing caught fire from an old cob-burning stove) and brought up by Christine since four years of age, had to leave for World War I. At that time Elmer and Anton felt closest to him, praying daily for his safety. Before that time Joe was away at school or working, so never had intimate ties with his younger brothers.





1 and 2. Elmer 3. seated: Fred and Ann Will. Standing: Leona, Clarence, June. 1932.

In 1930 our parents, who assumed that we were to have a Christian education, moved to St. Peter where the boys would attend Gustavus Adolphus College. How could I ever thank them enough? Costs would be reduced by living in a college town. To make additional income, Christine rented two rooms to college students. She charged very little in the first place and would often send up gratis breakfasts for the boys since she felt sorry for them. Mother had a heart of gold and would always be giving something to someone. She loved to share with others.

My occupation as music teacher had its foundation when a friend stored her old pump organ at our home in the country. I fooled around on the organ and later took fifty expensive lessons (50 cents a lesson). Dad always complained about having to pay for lesson books in addition to the lessons themselves. I suppose a real good teacher should be able to teach without materials (joke).

At Gustavus I had no intention of teaching, or teaching music, until the day when I stood around the band listening to a rehearsal. There was no bass drummer and someone asked Magnell to play. I reminded them that I knew no music but they said, "You can beat time, can't you?" THAT WAS IT. Two and a half years later I accepted a band position in North Saint Paul not knowing much more music.

My first weekend in North St. Paul I purchased a trombone, a clarinet and a trumpet and started learning with the children. Two years later, during the depression, when I could play most of the wind instruments to a fair degree, I commuted to the University of Minnesota and took instruction from artists on clarinet, trombone and French horn. From that day forward bands coached by me never won anything less than FIRST ratings. Sheer drive and enthusiasm inherited from my parents paid off.

In 1933 I married a beautiful local girl, LEONA WILL, who has been my inspiration and mate through many glorious years. Besides honors received by bands in the public schools I was also privileged to conduct the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus, an ensemble devoted to preserving the fine heritage of Swedish music.

In 1936 Leona and I accepted a teaching position of music in a beautiful junior high school in Duluth, Minnesota. Two years later I gained membership to the Duluth Symphony Orchestra where I performed several years.

On the evening of December 26, 1938, Mother stuck her head out the kitchen door at their St. Peter home and said to Dad, "Tänk om folk som får vandra ute i qväll." There was in progress the worst blizzard of the year. Five



Left: Elmer and Leona on their wedding day, 1933. Above, center: Elmer, Leona and Judy at home, 5002 London Rd., Duluth, 1939. Above, right: Magnell home in Florida.

minutes later their son, Elmer, was at the door. He had traveled from Duluth, 235 miles, in almost zero visability, because the next day was his father's eightieth birthday. Christine and Pete stared as though looking at a ghost. Twenty-five years earlier such a trip for but ten miles would have been impossible (this one almost was).

Six years later, on August 30, Peter Magnell quietly and quickly departed from this earth. He had enjoyed surprisingly good health with all his mental and physical faculties. Father was a philosopher, an extrovert, who loved to be with and talk to people. Although he was fifty years of age when Elmer was born and fifty-two at Tony's birth, he remained young to the end. He was always instructing his boys in a subtle way—not by bossing but by careful guidance. He encouraged his boys to work during vacation periods so as not to be idle and shiftless.

In 1939 a daughter, JUDITH ANN, was born to Elmer and Leona; and they built their first home on the shores of Lake Superior.

*Judy married James
R. Stone 7/29/1961
Judy, 1959*

Judy and Connie, 1949.





Anton, 7 mos.



Anton, 1942



Anton, 1929



Peter-Christine Family, 1939

Also in 1939 brother Anton married IRENE SARI and took a fine teaching position in Mankato. He had completed work for his bachelor's degree at Gustavus, had taught at Welcome, Wycoff and at Winthrop. He also did a year's graduate work.

Anton joined the army in 1942. He and Irene had two little daughters, MARGARET and LYNN, born less than a year apart who later went to school in the same grade. He loved and was proud of his girls but was unable to please his wife no matter how hard he tried. He sacrificed no end to send his family money and visit them while in the service but the union was not to be. After his discharge from the service he stayed with Mother in St. Peter, commuting each day to Mankato, where he continued to teach.

In 1945 Elmer received his master's degree from the University of Iowa and in 1946 accepted a position at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, where he taught for eight years. Also in 1946, a second daughter, CONSTANCE LEE, was born to Leona and Elmer. Like her sister, Judith, she has been a joy in the Magnell home.

October 6, 1951 was a sad day in the Magnell family. Elmer received a long distance telephone call in Boulder, Colorado (where he was studying on his doctorate) from St. Peter, notifying him that Anton had drowned while hunting ducks near Willmar. This was a great loss. Everyone loved Anton. He was always considerate and optimistic. Every student from his class in Mankato attended his funeral services at St. Peter. Mother took the loss especially hard since she was attached to this son in a special way. He had always been troubled with one foot being smaller and turning slightly, although most people did not even know, and she showered continuous attention on him, nursing that foot along. This typifies a Mother's love for her children.

In 1952 I achieved a goal I never thought at the outset would be possible—my doctorate degree from the University of Colorado. Two years later this attainment resulted in an excellent position at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, where I presently teach.

The home purchased in 1939, on a shoe-string, was sold, and we now have a beautiful place in Sunny Florida. We enjoy flowers, especially here where they grow profusely.

After Elmer had received his degree, his mother sold the house in St. Peter and moved to Duluth to be near her son and his family. She wished to be independent at all times so stayed by herself, but was visited several times a week by Elmer and family. She joined the Bethany Lutheran Church in Duluth where she enjoyed the fellowship of fine Swedish friends.

In 1954 when Elmer accepted the position at the University of Florida Mother Magnell, having retained her adventurous spirit, decided that she too would move to Florida. Years before that she had desired to live in a warm, sunny climate, and this was her opportunity. She went there by plane after Elmer and family had become settled in Tallahassee. Again, she insisted on living alone with three visits a week from her family. She enjoyed being independent, and often said she had no money problems to worry about because her wants were few. Christine, Elmer and family were active in the Lutheran church and enjoyed the fellowship of friends there, but Elmer's regret was that he could find



Connie, 1958



Judy, 1946



E. Magnell family, 1959.

no Swedish friends with whom his mother could visit. Tallahassee has few Swedish people and not many Lutherans. High-lights of Christine's days spent in Tallahassee were visits from Northern friends: Ellen Carlson, Alice Nordstrom Klasse and family, Mrs. Carter from St. Peter and some families from Duluth. She enjoyed flowers, visiting and making coffee up to the end, and could she ever prepare tasty food!!

Christine had not one enemy but a host of friends; she lived a rich, full life. She is buried in a beautiful cemetery which abounds in flowers and is always neatly kept, even as she was. At her death every last item and newspaper clipping was neatly folded, knowing that any day could be her last. She stressed neatness and honesty at all events. Her memory will live forever in her children and grandchildren's thoughts.

When pressing for more information about accomplishments, we finally succeeded in getting this out of Elmer:

Our accomplishments have not been overly significant beyond the usual of holding administrative positions in connection with one's position in teaching or connected with church work such as choir directing, etc. Fortunately, I have two publications with Belwin, Inc., New York: Nine instrumental books entitled "68 Pares Studies" published in 1957, and a full instrumentation of twenty-two books entitled "29 Schantl Studies" published in 1959. I have also nearly completed another book relative to teaching music in the elementary school, for classroom teachers, which I hope will be published in 1960.

We are probably prejudiced, but our girls, Judy and Connie, have inherited their looks from the relationship on both sides of their grandparents. They are intelligent, capable and musically talented girls, for which we are most thankful. The Lord has been good to us. We can never thank our parents enough for the heritage they have bestowed on our family. We can only strive to emulate them in living good lives.

Reports have come to this editor of Judy and Connie's sitting quietly in church when they were very young while their mother sang in the choir and their father directed. Since then they have received citations in recognition of their own abilities and activities. They are interested in church activities, sing, dance and play musical instruments. Both have received several honors, especially in music. Judy is now a college junior and Connie an eighth grader. Judy traveled in Europe (wishing she had known more exactly where her grandmother once lived) during the summer of '58. In '59 she worked at Glacier National Park.

We reproduce here a portion of a letter written by Judy's grandmother, Christine, some years ago.

Wonder how your little songbird is! It would be nice if we lived close to you so she could come and sing for us once in a while in these cold and gloomy days. She sure is a bright child for her age. Hop- she can always remain so happy.



Above: Canfields, Right: Joe; Nettie and Joe

JOSEPH

Joseph Maurice was the only child of Peter and Bengta Hokanson Magnell (1859-1898) who survived the mother. Born in 1896, he was only two years old at the time of his mother's untimely death resulting from burns received when her clothing was ignited by flames from a wood burning stove. Two children had preceded her in death, both in 1894, Joseph G. (1889-1894) and Jenett M. (1892-1894).

Joseph M., commonly known as Joe, became Christine's son by marriage in 1900. His father, Peter Magnell, and Christine Nordstrom were married November 7, 1900.

Joe grew up as an average farm boy of his time, attending schools of the area, Härlunda Lutheran (later, Immanuel) Church in Tracy, visiting at his Uncle John Peterson's and elsewhere, and assisting with farm duties. He completed a course of study at Mankato Commercial College, served active duty in Europe during World War I (is now a member of Vets of Foreign Wars), and went to work for the railroad, with headquarters in Tracy.

On September 22, 1920, Joe Magnell and Nettie West were married at the A. P. West farm home, with Rev. Rudolph Peterson tying the knot. Following this, they farmed in the Garvin-Tracy area.

Their son Marion, born in Tracy in 1921, now lives in Long Beach, California, employed by North American Aircraft. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, coming out in 1945 as Chief Petty Officer. He was graduated from Indiana Technical College with a bachelor's degree in Engineering and is at present working on Radar for the government. He was married in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has two sons and a daughter: Michel, Kent Allen and Jackie.

Joe and Nettie's daughter Dorothy is now Mrs. Claude J. Canfield. She earned her B.A. degree from Sacramento State College and is at present teaching school at Orangevale, California.



Left to right, standing: Betty, Marion, Dorothy. Seated: Joe, Nettie



Chief Petty Officer Marion Magnell and family.



Betty, youngest of the three children, married Melvin Klein, a farmer, and lives near Tracy. They have a boy, Melvin, and a girl, Bonnie. Betty is a graduate of Tracy High School. She was chosen Queen of "Box Car Day" on Labor Day in 1948. She was the V.F.W. candidate.

At present, Joe is interested in growing that good California fruit which all enjoy.

The Klein Family





P. Magnell's parental home in Småland, Sweden.



Härlunda Church, Småland, Sweden.

Photos by Arthur Johnson, Walnut Grove, Minnesota.

LINEAGE ON SIDE OF PETER MAGNELL

Jonas Erickson to —————: ? Born in Småland, Sweden. Children: PETER; Erick; Swen; Jonas; Anna; Ellen.

Peter Jonasson to Kattrine Peterson: Peter (1822-July 8, 1902); Kattrine (1825-April 13, 1911) Both born and raised in Småland. Children: Ingrid (1850-1920); Kristine (1853-June 7, 1942, married Petter Persson, 1861-1939); Blenda (1856-1934); PETER MAGNI (Dec. 27, 1958-Aug. 30, 1944); Johan (John, 1865-1948).

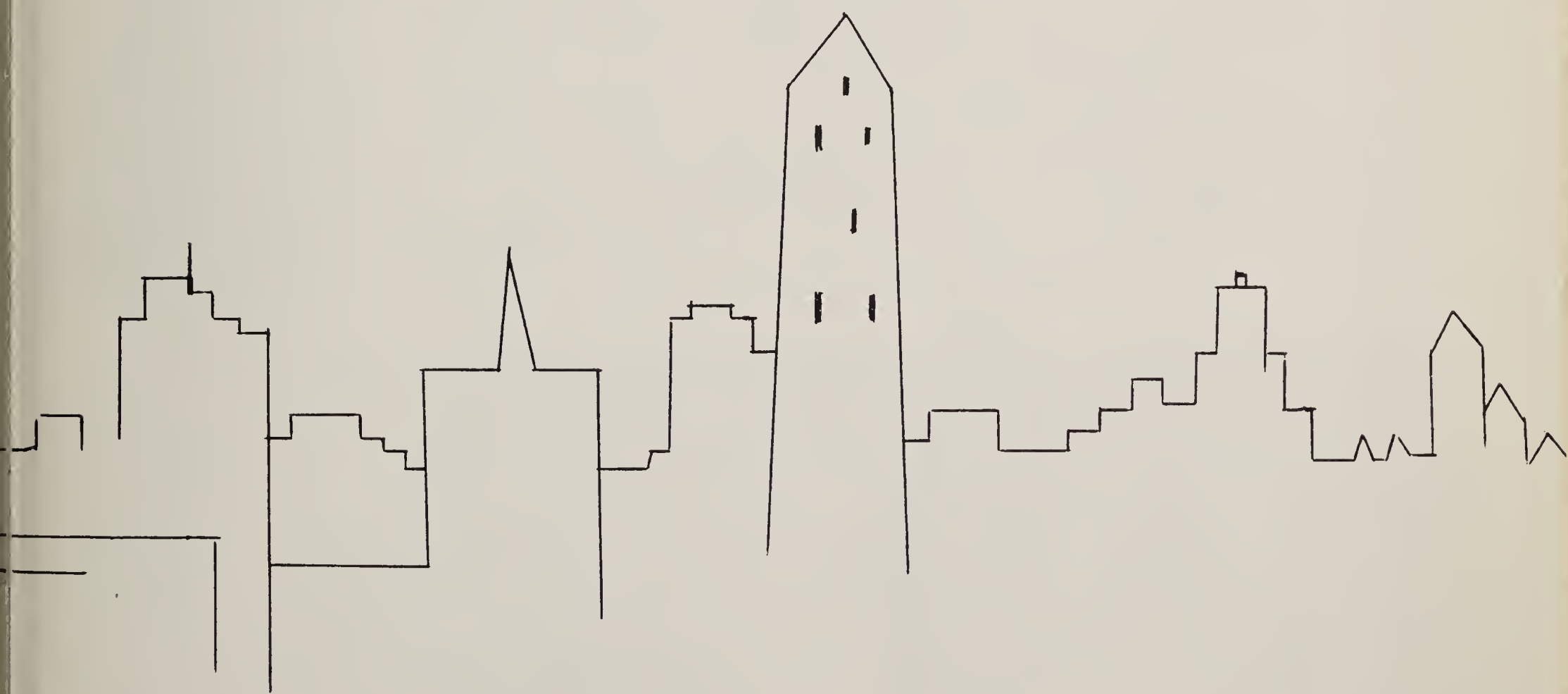
Peter Magni (Petersson) Magnell to Christine Nordstrom: Peter born in Härlunda, Småland, came to America 1883. Married Bengta Hokanson (1859-1898) in 1887. Married Christine Nordstrom November 7, 1900.

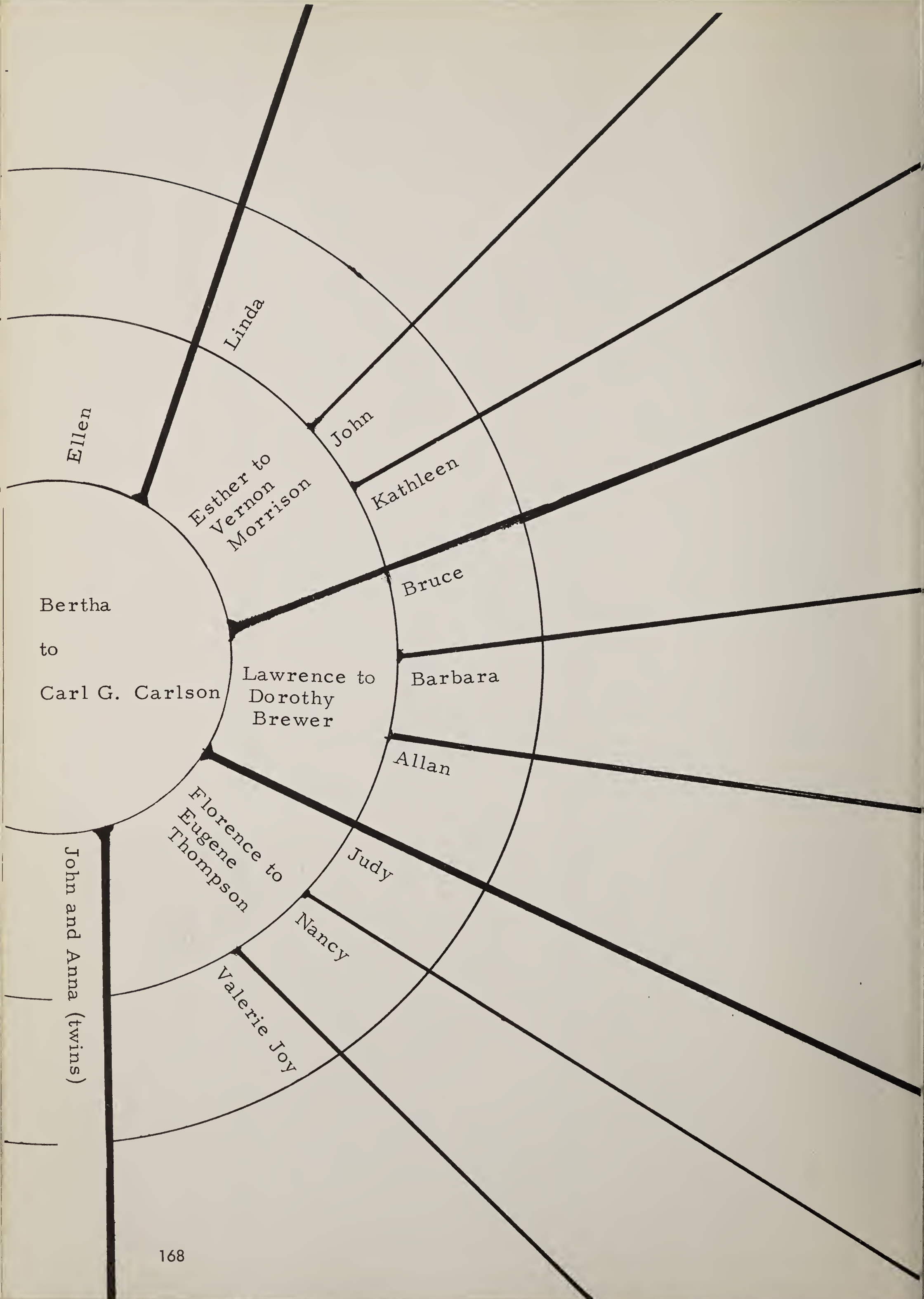
Peter Magnell

Signature

Names	Birth	Marriage	Occupation	In Memoriam

Bertha







BERTHA

Mother was born in Skane, Sweden October 6, 1882. In the spring of 1897 she left Sweden together with her mother, father, and sister Christine. They arrived in Walnut Grove in June. Axel Nordstrom was to have met them but they arrived sooner than expected so no one was there to meet them. They were taken by a farmer who happened to be at the station to the Erickson home, a sister to grandpa Nordstrom. Axel had gone to Garvin for the day to visit Lena so was very surprised to return home and find the family there. Grandma and Grandpa remained at the Axel Nordstrom place and the two girls went to the Nels Nordstrom home to stay.

Aunt Anna sewed each girl two new dresses as they had arrived in Walnut Grove with a very meager wardrobe. Mother says it was just like meeting a group of strangers as she was only 4 when her older brothers left for America. She thought her brothers looked awfully old and sunburned.

Her greatest jolt came on Sunday when they attended church. In Sweden it was the custom to walk silently into church and if you saw an acquaintance you were just to nod your head. Mother said upon entering the church that first Sunday she heard two women discussing their corn-fed hogs, which was really quite a shock.

Mother worked in several homes in Walnut Grove and Tracy and then, in 1907, came to Minneapolis to seek work.

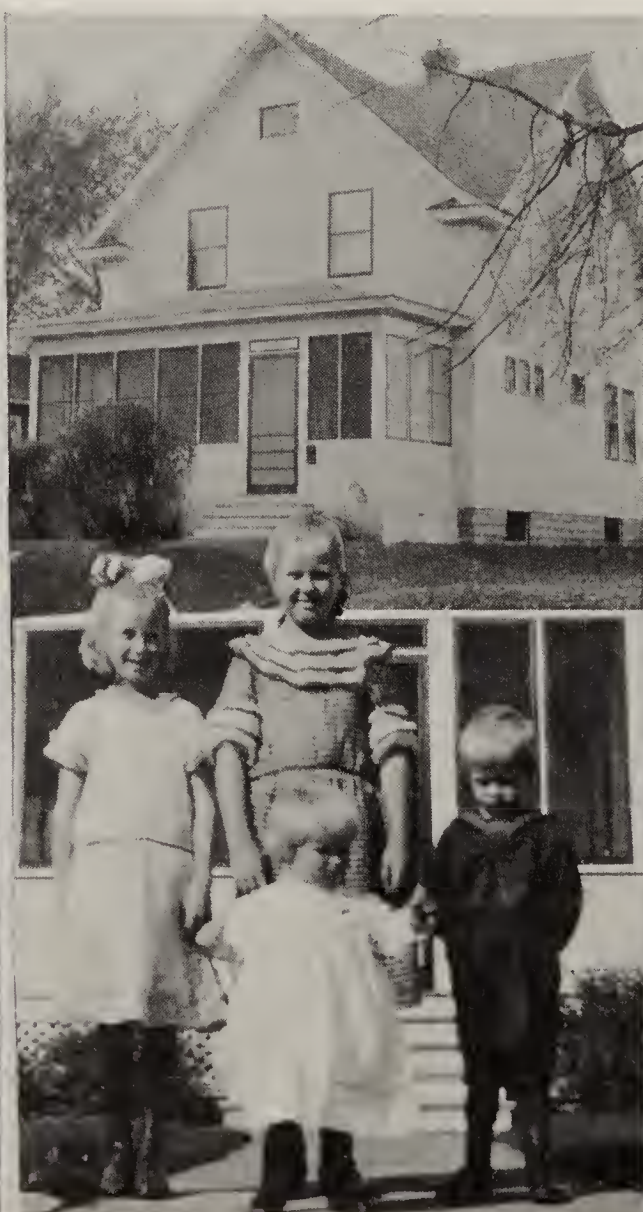


Father was born near Skara in Västergötland in 1878. He was endowed with a great imagination and from his earliest youth was busy inventing things. He made the first bicycle in the area where he lived and he said folks came from long distances to see his bike. He also made himself a reed organ when he was 18 years of age. That organ is probably still in the family home in Sweden. He attended manual training school at Lidköping, and a cabinet with carved doors, made by him, was chosen as the outstanding piece of work made by the class. When the class picture was taken his cabinet was given a prominent place in the picture. In 1903 he came to America and made his home with an uncle in Southeast Minneapolis. He went into the building business and worked in Minneapolis and Duluth those first years.

Mother and Dad met at a "Trip Around the World" sponsored by the Augustana church Luther League. The young people were sent out by groups from the church to go to various places. Mother and Dad happened to be in the same group. The next Sunday Mother again met Dad at the Mission Cottage where he was playing the organ for the informal singing. They went together after that, and were married October 25, 1911. Dad had built a new home and the wedding was held there, with only a small group attending.

Mother has always enjoyed gardening and raised a lot of flowers and vegetables. Dad continued his love for tinkering in America and once made a door opener for the garage. You drove over a plate about 30 feet from the garage and the doors opened. It was operated by weight. He had a great interest in aviation and so the airport was a natural place to go on a Sunday afternoon. We spent many hours standing by the airport fence watching the planes take off and land. He even made a few models himself. It was no doubt because of his great interest in airplanes that Lawrence decided to go into that field.

In 1936 he remodeled the reed organ at home, electrifying it, and then adding a pedal board. Shortly before his death he again decided to remake it and made new pedals. The organ never was put together, but we hope some day it can be. When we think of the years we spent together at home we are reminded of the many happy hours spent around the piano singing hymns and also playing the organ, piano, violin, and cornet together.



The folks joined Lebanon church in 1912, shortly after it was organized, and each Sunday we were there as a family. Dad taught Sunday School from the time he joined the church until shortly before his death, becoming known as "Sunday School Carlson." We children all worked in the Sunday School either as teachers or in some other capacity. I served as organist for many years.

In 1920 the folks bought a model T Ford which was the pride not only of the family but of the whole neighborhood as well. Every Sunday afternoon we went for a ride and one or two of the neighbors were always asked to go along. The neighbors still mention how thrilled they were to be asked to go on one of these rides.

We made several trips to Walnut Grove with this car. We all loved to go to the country and it seemed the car never went fast enough, so great was our eagerness to get to the farm.

In 1924 we made a trip to North Dakota to visit with Uncle Olof and family. It seemed like we were headed for the end of nowhere. It took two days in the model T, and we spent the night right out on the prairie sleeping in the car. No car we have had since has seemed quite as wonderful as that first model T.

Being the only ones of the Nordstrom family to reside in the city, we really looked forward to having the relatives come to visit. Every visit was eagerly awaited. When Florence was small she once asked if Hilma wasn't coming home soon. I recall once after Alvar had visited and Lawrence had really been impressed with his size and muscle, Lawrence asked mother if Jesus was as strong as Alvar.

—Esther Carlson Morrison

Her name was BEATA in Sweden but became BERTHA in America. She was the youngest of Nils and Anna Nordstrom's children; was fourteen and a half and had just been confirmed when she, her sister Christine and their parents left Sweden. Bertha attended district 19 school, near Walnut Grove, with her brother Olof for a short time. Later she attended evening school at the YWCA in Minneapolis. She began earning her own living by doing housework as soon as she arrived in America. She had many admirers but was not in a hurry to get married. Because she was single she was often called upon to help out at special occasions in the homes of her sisters and brothers, one of such being the arrival of new babies.

Relatives visit, left, in the country; right, in Minneapolis. Left to right, back row: Tilda, Christine, Bertha, Mathilda, Judith, Gale, Alice. Front row: Anton, Elmer, Ellen, Esther, Franz.





Lena, Mathilda, Bertha and Christine; pictured in 1949, the last time the sisters were together.

One of the little stories which has circulated in the family is that of CARL G. CARLSON sitting by a Minneapolis lake one Sunday afternoon, after he had been seeing quite a bit of Bertha Nordstrom during the preceding months, trying out a new telescope. He thought he saw his girl friend, Bertha, in a boat with another man far out on the lake. It has been said that he proposed to her at their very next meeting, not risking the loss of her to another man. Later he learned that she had not been out on the lake that afternoon, but he was satisfied because the girl he loved was now his wife. When Carl was asked to verify or deny this story he laughed in his usual mild manner, saying neither yes nor no. Later when Bertha was asked about it she said this was new to her, whereupon Ellen added, "At least the telescope is here." Anyway, it was interesting.

Bertha and Carl had six children: ELLEN, ESTHER, LAWRENCE, FLOR-ENCE, ANNA and JOHN. Anna and John were twins, born prematurely January 16, 1924. Anna passed away January 17 and John, January 21. They were buried at Lakewood cemetery in Minneapolis, where their father was buried in 1957.

Carl Carlson was a carpenter most of his life. After a back injury due to a fall at work he found building more difficult and went into lamp making. He had been an excellent carpenter, very clever with tools, producing top quality work. He did equally well in making lamps, some of which showed a great deal of imagination. Sometimes beautiful old kerosene lamps were electrified; cypress knees used as bases for interesting and artistic creations; jars, vases, odd pieces or ordinary wood were transformed into lovely lamp bases. Most of these lamps were custom made for folks who had their own reasons for wanting a particular kind of lamp.

Carl was a deacon at Lebanon Lutheran Church for many years; played the organ or piano; was pianist of the Brotherhood for many years. One of his leisure time enjoyments was fishing or just relaxing by a lake. Bertha also enjoyed picnics.

He had not been feeling well for some months but had been bedfast only three days when he passed away, November 12, 1957. He knew that he was going, called Bertha to him, thanked her for what she had meant to him and told her that Christ was taking him to the Heavenly Home. Truly, as Mathilda put it when she heard the circumstances of his passing, "His departure to the better world was like that of the patriarchs of the Bible." Earlier in life he had dreamed, or had a glorious vision, of Christ's return to earth in glory. He had lived as he died, close to his Saviour.



Bertha and Carl at 36th wedding anniversary, 1947

ELLEN

Ellen Bertha Louise Carlson was born January 19, 1913. She was graduated from South High in Minneapolis and has been employed in the cutting department at Munsingwear Inc., Minneapolis. She was baptized and confirmed at Lebanon Lutheran church where she has retained her membership. Has taught Sunday School and held offices in Sunday School, J.M.S. and the Young Women's organization there.

Her interests include gardening, photography and traveling, having been in most of the States. Ellen is also the family letter writer. She is a soft spoken, unassuming girl, a great favorite of cousins who visit there and of her neices and nephews. She and her mother live together at the family home in Minneapolis.

H.S. grad.

February, 1959

With Jim Walfrid

Ellen





ESTHER

Esther Marie was born in Minneapolis February 28, 1915. She attended Corcoran Grade School; was graduated from South High; Minneapolis Business College and studied at Mc Phail School of Music. She was active at Lebanon Lutheran Church, holding offices in S.S., J.M.S. and L.L.; served as organist a number of years.

She was employed at Munsingwear Inc., Minneapolis. Her latest position there was that of payroll clerk. She went to Scandia, Minnesota, as organist and parish worker, and it was here that she met and married VERNON ARNOLD MORRISON, October 25, 1947.

Vernon was born at Scandia December 28, 1910; attended Vasa grade school at Copas; Gustavus Academy, St. Peter; graduated from Minnesota College, Minneapolis; and Graham Vet. School.

Children: LINDA MARIE, July 11, 1948; JOHN VERNON ANDREW, September 7, 1949; KATHLEEN LOUISE, February 24, 1951. Linda and John are Scouts and sing in the Junior Choir at church. Kathleen is a Brownie. They attend Goose Lake grade school near Scandia.

Esther, Vernon and children are active members of Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia. Esther is assistant organist; Den Mother, Cub Scouts; Brownie Leader. She enjoys music, fishing and hiking.

Vernon is assistant Cub Scout Master; Chairman, PTA; School Board; Centennial Comm. for Elim Church, 1954; President, Brotherhood, two years; enjoys fishing and tree conservation. Occupation: Dairy farming and Insurance salesman, State Farm Mutual Ins. Co.

The family has enjoyed some extensive trips together. Esther's cousin Alvar says that their home is a great tonic, lively and friendly. Vernon puts the coffee pot on first thing; both he and Esther are good conversationalists.



Left, Vernon, Esther
and Linda, 1948.

Right: Esther,
H.S. graduation.





C. LAWRENCE

I, Carl Lawrence grew up in Minneapolis, attended Corcoran elementary, Folwell Junior High; South High School. My primary interest in life during those years was airplanes. I did well in mathematics and science and managed to get by in the other subjects. After graduating from South High in June 1938, I spent part of the summer working at Cedar Airport south of Minneapolis in exchange for flying lessons. This experience at least partially satisfied my "flying bug" and I set out to earn a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Minnesota. My keen interest in the field made this easy and I was able to make Tau Beta Pi, Honorary Engineering Fraternity, and received my Bachelor of Engineering Degree with honors, in '42.

Graduation took me away from Minnesota to Hartford, Connecticut, where I was employed in the Engineering Dep't. at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a Division of United Aircraft. During the ensuing years I have been associated with the development of the R-2800, T-34, J-57, J-75 and J-52 engines.

Soon after arriving in Hartford, I met Dorothy Robinson Brewer whom I married March 29, 1944 in South Congregational Church at Hartford. We have subsequently spent fifteen pleasant years together. We have lived at a number of different places in the Hartford area, but in 1948 we built our present home in Rocky Hill, a town of 5,000 people south of Hartford on the Connecticut River. We built most of this house in spare time with a minimum of outside help, and it still stands today, eleven years later.

We now have three fine children: BRUCE, 11 years old and pretty much a "chip off the old block" with similar interests; BARBARA, age 6, who is the princess of the family; and ALLAN, age 2½, youngest.

Special interest project at the moment is a radio controlled model airplane that Bruce and I are building. This is a five foot airplane with a gas engine and radio control of the rudder, elevator and engine. We are looking forward to the first test flight in the near future. Summer fun is mainly swimming, sailing and golf.

Our family looks forward to a flying trip to Minnesota every other summer. This coming summer is our year to go, so we are looking forward to the possibility of getting in on the first Nordstrom Family Reunion.



1. Lawrence. 2. Carlson home at 118 Bailey Rd., Rocky Hill, Conn. 3. Dot and Lawrence on their wedding day, 1944.

FLORENCE

Florence Mildred was born April 30, 1922, in Minneapolis where she has lived since then. She attended Corcoran grade school; Folwell Jr. High; South High, graduating in 1940; Minneapolis Business College, comptometer course.

Florence was employed in the cutting department of Boulevard Frocks for three years and then as a Sales Analysis clerk at Carpenter Paper Co., for three years before marriage and about the same afterwards.



Florence and Gene on their wedding day, 1948.

Valerie Joy, age 3 months.

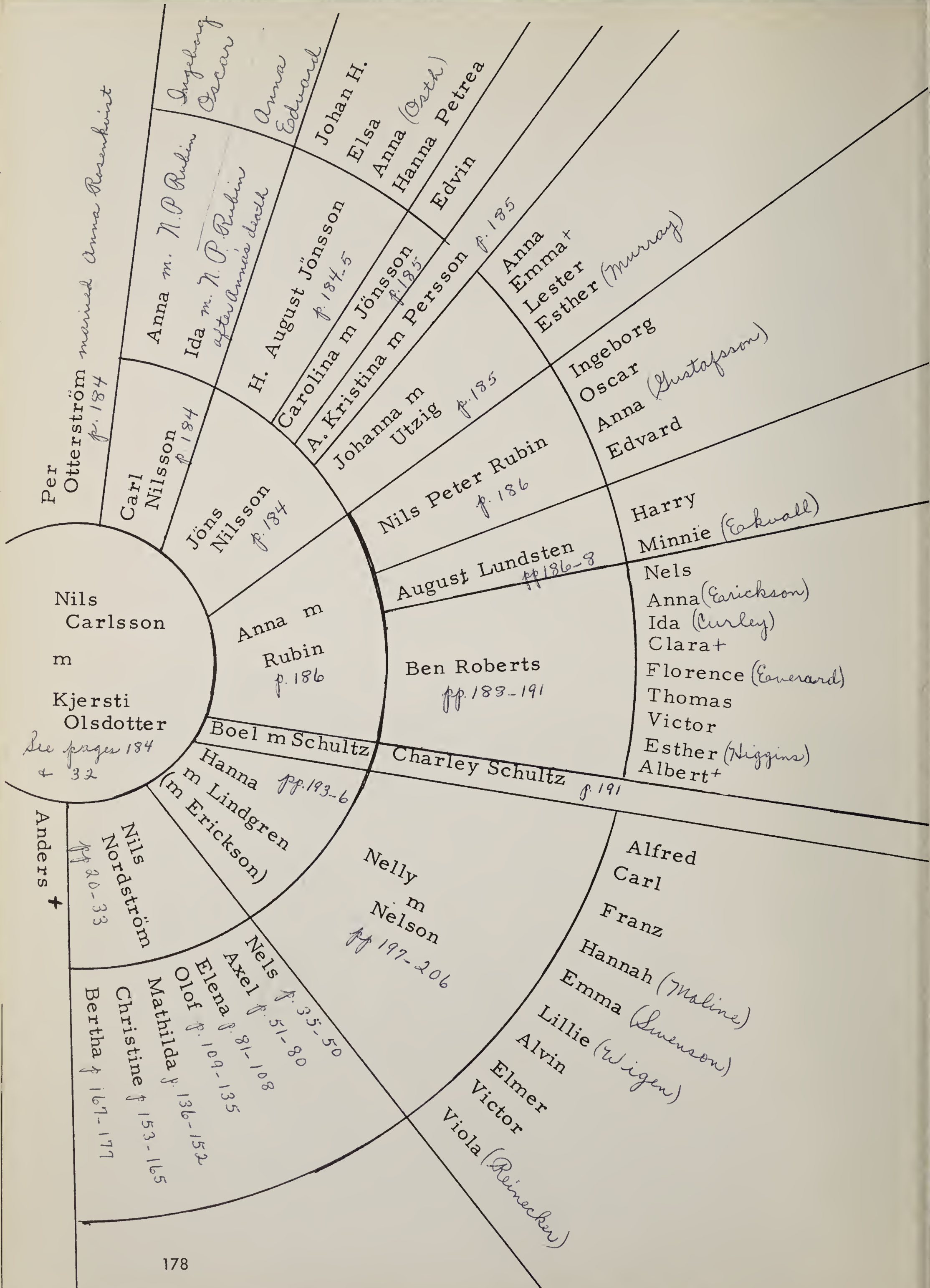


April 10, 1948, Florence married EUGENE WILLIAM THOMPSON who was born in Minneapolis August 8, 1919; attended Sheridan Elementary and Junior High; Vocational High School, printing major, graduating in 1938. He was a Pfc in the Army Air Corps October 1941 to September 1945, where he worked as an airplane mechanic after having had an airplane mechanic course at Army Air Corps Technical Training School and an I.T.U. printing course.

Florence was active at Lebanon Lutheran Church. Now she, Gene and daughters are members of the newly organized Lutheran Church of the Reformation (Augustana) at St. Louis Park. Florence and Gene are also members of the PTA. Gene is a member of the Minneapolis Typographical Union number 42. They enjoy playing with the children, reading and watching TV. Florence likes to cook and Gene likes working with tools and do-it-yourself projects. He also enjoys being a "sidewalk superintendent" on construction projects. Occupation: Printer at Arrow Press, 13 years. Residence: St. Louis Park.

Children: JUDY KAY, August 30, 1952; NANCY JEAN, January 25, 1956; VALERIE JOY, February 14, 1959.





Related Families



ANNA P. NORDSTROM'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Anna Persdotter (Nordstrom) had two older half brothers, sons of Abon Hans Jönsson and his wife Karna Nilsson. After the death of Hans in an accident (tipped with a load of hay), the widow Karna Nilsson married Abon Per Jönsson, a younger brother of Hans. Karna passed on to her family an appreciation of Per's kindness and consideration.

All Karna's children by both marriages were born and raised at the family farm, nr. 4 Säby.

The second child of Hans and Karna, Jöns, was born in 1826 and died in 1833, reportedly from *bröstsjukdom* (chest disease). The fourth child of Per and Karna, Sissa, born in 1835, died when about six weeks old, reportedly from *slag*. (stroke). Their eighth child, Per, was born in 1842 and died in 1852.

Following, we shall report on the other children and their descendents. Numbers preceding names indicate order of birth. Obviously we shall skip number five, Anna, in this section.

HANS AND KARNA'S CHILDREN

1. NILS

Nils Hansson (1824 25/1-1893 28/12) lived all his life at Säby nr 4, on the family farm where he and his brothers and sisters were born. It seems that he and his family kept in touch with his half brothers and sisters and their families, at least as long as we have any information about them.

Nils married Ingrid Larsdotter (1828 27/1-1889 29/3). Children: Henrick, Nils and Betty.

HENRICK

Henrick Nilsson (1855-1914 22/1) married Botilda Persdotter (born in Härslöv 1859, died 1930 31/1). Lived on family farm at Säby nr 4. Children: Esther G. who died in 1947; Magna Constance, married Nilsson, dwelling in Orja; Helga Emilia, dwelling in Glumslöv with *Fröken* (Miss) Hildström; Evald, who has died; Sigurd who is in Landskrona, a clothing merchant.

We have translated a part of the letter concerning Nils Hansson and family above, but inasmuch as we are not accustomed to this script and do not want to risk giving an incorrect address, we reproduce Kyrkoherde Hemby's letter in the belief that relatives visiting Sweden can use these names and addresses to make contacts and perhaps secure a guide to visit the family home at Säby.

PER AND KARNA'S CHILDREN

1. JOHANNES

Johannes Persson, born 1828, moved to Landskrona in 1849 (nr 89, Säby utflyttningslängd). Christine Magnell told us once that he never married.

2. HANS

died in Nov., 1960.
Husaren Hans Lindkvist, born 20/9 1830, married Johanna Jonassdotter, born 9/2 1838 in Härslöv. The family moved to Landskrona in 1878. Children born in Härslöv: Carl Ludvig 10/11 1867; Hilda Beata 3/2 1870; Sofie 1872-1876; Martina 14/3 1874; Sofia Josefina 22/12 1876. Another daughter, Anna, was probably born later in Landskrona.

In 1925 the elder Lindkvists and their children Carl and "Fia" had died. Hilda was married (Frisk) and had *stor affär* (a big business) in Landskrona. Martina had married a blacksmith (Rosander) and lived in the country, had twelve children, was crippled with rheumatism. Anna married a Bengtson and had two children, lived on the island Ven, later in Landskrona.

Hilda Frisk was active in grocery business several decades, was known as an efficient business woman, straightforward & honest. She was active in social & civic affairs - member of Landskrona City Council in 1920 ff. A daughter, Elsa, married Eric Wettergren and lived in Berlin.

Meddelande

Från Pastorsämbetet

Hälsörörelse förs.

Vadenskyl

Till

Mrs H. B. Pearson

Free, Minnesota

M. S. C.

Postadress

49 HÄLSÖRÖRELSE, LUND.

Turk för Edert brev och pengar.

Som nu i Eden Hemvårdsråd jag meddelar

att Nils Hansson, född 1824²³, död 1889¹², son till

i Söby N: 24. Hans dötter d. 28. 1893.

Han hade gärdet N: 4, Söby, som överläts av

hans son Henrik Nilsson, född d. 6. 1855²².

i Söby gift med Botilda Persdotter född i

Skärbo 1859²¹. De hade barnen: Ester, brukar

död 1947. Magna, konstnär, född 1888¹³

i Öja, bror i Weibullskolan, 6 ad Landman

och Helga Emilia, född 1892¹³, bror i Öms-

for och prästen Håkström. En bror var

en bror och en annan bror lever och bor i Landman

Nils Hanssons hustru var ~~ingen~~ Landman

1. 1828²³ död 1889¹². De var

stam Henrik Nilsson var Nils Nilsson, född

1858¹⁰ han var äbo och gift med Botilda

Skärbo född 1856¹⁰ i Hälsör de hade

2 döttrar och 1 son. Familjen utflyttade

från Skärbo 1892¹⁰ varit!

Henrik Nilsson hade en syster
Betty, född 1865¹². Hon utflyttade
till Skärbo 1888¹². Sedan
en vad jag gissar speglade och
dessa arbeta har varit på mycke
tid.

Hälsör d. 7-11. 1959

Hälsör d. 7-11. 1959

Nils och Hemby

Kyrkoherde

The farm at Säby nr 4 had passed from the Jönssons to their eldest, Nils Hansson; from Nils to his eldest, Henrik Nilsson.

If we follow facts given by Kyrkoherde Hemby correctly, not any of Henrik's children live on the farm at present. It is possible, however, that some other relative is there now because Swedish property is no longer taken over by the eldest in each family, as was the case during the past century.

Whether the farm is in the hands of relatives or not, it would be interesting to visit the place where our great grandparents were brought up. Two people have written us that when they were with the U. S. military in Germany they might have secured leave to visit Sweden if they could have given facts to show that they had specific places and kinfolk to visit.

Buildings on Säby nr 4 were destroyed by fire, caused by lightning, June 11, 1935. The place was not rebuilt but land is farmed together with neighboring place. It was originally 25 "tundland" approximately 33 acres, in size.

In 1959 it was thought that Hilda was still alive but the others had passed away. We have no names nor addresses of their children. It may be possible for relatives visiting Sweden to contact some of these through the church office in Landskrona by presenting names and dates given here.

3. ELNA

Elna, born 1833, married a Pettersson, had a daughter Karolina, lived in Landskrona.

6. CECILIA

Sissa, known as Cecilia, (1838 15/5-1925 20/11) married Olof Ljunggren (born 17/11 1836 in Holta, Bohuslän, died at Landskrona in 1889) *verkmästare vid Landskrona's nya mekaniska verkstad*. Informants suggest that this was an engineering firm. It is difficult to know if we should translate *verkmästare* as foreman or superintendent. Cecilia was an invalid for many years before passing away at age 87. She was cared for by her daughter Ingrid whose letters have been a valuable source of information concerning this branch of the family.

Olof and Cecilia's children: Johanna Maria, Johan Axel, Gerda Albertina and Elin Christina died during early childhood, probably from diphtheria. The first three died in 1873, Elin in 1890. Ingrid, August, Gerda Maria and Carl lived to adulthood.

INGRID

Ingrid, born 3/5 1863, married Karl Fjellander, a *vaktkonstapel*. It seems that he was a police officer assigned to special guard duty. He was born in Kristianstad in 1849 and passed away in Landskrona 7/9 1898, seven months after he and Ingrid were married. Their son, Axel, was born 24/12 1898.

Ingrid was a skilled seamstress of quality garments until her mother became ill and required constant care. She also assisted her mother with the *lagenhet* (apartment) business. One would gather from Ingrid's letters that she was a woman of Christian principle, refinement and tender feeling, interested in preserving bonds of kinship. Her retirement years were spent at Snell's Stiftelse, a fine home for women, with all conveniences and large park-like grounds.

Ingrid's brother Carl helped her considerably during later years. When he was struck by a car and died she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died a month after he did. She was past 91 years. ~~It seems that Ingrid, the oldest, was the last of her family to pass away.~~

AXEL Fjellander, Ingrid and Karl's son, was active with Sweden's "Godtemplar," traveling in the interest of this temperance work and also editing their paper "Unga Tankar." His mother wrote in 1925 that "Sveriges Godtemplar" youth were planning a chartered ship trip to America, in which Axel was to participate.

Axel married Selma Sandberg from Annelöv. They live in Malmö, where he is an editor associated with the "Södra Journalistföreningen, Kapellgatan 10, Malmö, Sweden." He is active in school and civic affairs. Anton Bengtson's niece in Trelleborg writes, "*Axel Fjellander i Malmö har varit ordförande i folkskolestyrelsen där och är vad jag kan första en mycket duktig människa. Han har ofta yttrat sig i pressen över olika problem.*"

Relatives visiting Sweden may wish to contact him at his office or write: Redaktör Axel Fjellander, Regementsgatan 31 D 2 tr, Malmö V, Sweden.

AUGUST

Olof and Cecilia's oldest son, August, was born 13/2 1865. He was married and lived in Lund. He was a widower when Ingrid wrote in 1925. He had a daughter and two sons. Bertha Carlson remembers him as an engineer on a railroad.

Gerda's daughter, Signe Persson, is married & lives in Uppsala.
Her sons: Bert & Bo.

" " Maj is married & lives at Skebokvarn. Has a daughter.

GERDA

Gerda Maria, born 4/12 1874 in Landskrona, moved to Uppsala 8/11 1909. She was married and had two daughters. Relatives visiting Sweden might make contacts with her family through the church in Uppsala, with the aid of her birth date and date of transfer. *Gerda passed away at Uppsala Aug. 14, 1958.*

CARL

Carl Ljunggren, born 28/5 1881 in Landskrona, was killed by an automobile 7/8 1954. His wife, the former Esther A. Andersson, born 1881 in Karlskoga, passed away in 1933. Bertha Carlson remembers Carl as very well mannered, showing good home influence. She says he became an excellent painter.

Carl and Esther's son, Carl Harry Evert, born in Landskrona 2/12 1909, married Signe I. Persson, born 1906 in V. Vemmerlöv. They have a son, Sven-Ake Harry, born 23/7 1934 in Landskrona. This family moved to Malmö 31/10 1944, belonging to the Caroli congregation there.

7. MARIA

Maria, born 1840, married a *vagnmakare* (carriage builder) at Armelöf. She was remembered by the Nordstroms as having warm brown eyes. She and her only child, Karolina, died before 1900.

9. LARS

Archives report states, "Lars Persson born 1845 18/6 in Säby lived at Säby nr 4, from where, according to *husförhörslängden* 1853-1860, he moved to Landskrona in 1860." The church in Landskrona reports, "*Gesällen* Lars Perssons Sjöberg moved from Landskrona to Göteborg 7/3 1865." In September 1959 Göteborgs Domkyrko-Församling informed us, "Smedgesällen Lars Persson Sjöberg moved, unmarried, place unknown, 7/2 1866."

The Nordstroms recall that Lars Sjöberg left for America early, perhaps 1866. It is believed that he settled in Nebraska after stopping for a while in one of the southeastern coastal states. It seems that he was a blacksmith at first and then may have gone into construction work. One informant thought he married a school teacher in America.

The Omaha-Douglas County Health Department has made a search of their files for us but were unable to locate a record of death of Lars Persson Sjöberg.

Should anyone secure further information or be interested in contacting the Age Search Branch of the Bureau of the Census at Pittsburg, Kansas, in an effort to locate Sjöberg descendents, it is hoped that findings will be shared with us.

NILS NORDSTROM'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

According to information received through the archives in Lund, Sweden, Hemmansåboen Nils Carlsson, born February 25, 1789, in Ottarp parish, Skåne, married Kjersti Olsdotter October 12, 1817, in Ottarp where they continued to make their home. Hemmansåboen preceding name would indicate that Nils Carlsson had a farm located by a stream. We had been told that Carlsson was a member of the Swedish Coast Guard, but this was not mentioned in archives information.

It seems that in Sweden the occupation of a person is used as a title; thus, Farmer Carlson, Banker Jones. This is not entirely strange to Americans who use professor, attorney, doctor or pastor similarly.

Nils Carlsson and his wife Kjersti were the parents of eight children, the two first having been born in Bårslöf and the others in Ottarp. This may indicate that the family home was established at Gluggstorp nr 1 in Ottarps församling sometime between 1820 and 1823.

The eighth and youngest child, Anders, born 1838 31/1, died 1841 7/2 from diphtheria and was buried at Ottarp. We shall tell something about each of Nils Nordström's six other brothers and sisters, in age order. Nils was the seventh child of Nils and Kjersti.

1. PER OTTERSTROM

Per Nilsson Otterström was born September 29, 1818. He married Anna Rosenkvist, born January 16, 1820 in Välluv. They had no children, although Anna had a son by a previous marriage and they kept a foster daughter for a time. They lived at Gluggstorp nr 1, postoffice address, Tågarp. Information received from church records shows 1/32 mnt in parentheses following Gluggstorp nr 1, and may indicate that Per received 1/32 of the income from the little farm. We assume that *mnt* is an abbreviation for *mantal*, defined as "assessment unit of land." Otterström's main occupation was that of bricklayer or stone mason. Mathilda Nordstrom Johnson recalls that Otterström bought the Nils Carlsson home.

Per became a widower in 1892. Nils and Anna Nordström, with daughters Christina and Beata, lived with him between the time that they sold their farm and sailed for America the following May. Per passed away at Gluggstorp in 1907, seemingly under rather meager circumstances.

2. CARL NILSSON

Carl Nilsson was born 1820 30/12. ^{He was a gardener} He married and made his home in Hälsingborg. The Nordströms visited at the home of *Farbror* Carl occasionally. We have been told that he and his wife, name unknown, had a daughter Anna and a daughter Ida but have had no verification from church records. We have heard that he lived to be 92 years old, *dying in 1914. His daughter married N.P. Rubin.*

3. JÖNS NILSSON

Jöns Nilsson was born July 25, 1823. He moved to Lila Stjerneberg in Skurups parish, there becoming a *murargesäll*, mason journeyman. Wife: Hanna Nilsdotter, born July 30, 1825, in Fjärestad. They made their home at Ekeby, about two miles from the Nordströms, with whom they visited. Hanna died June 27, 1901; Jöns, February 28, 1901. Children: Hans August, Carolina, Anna Kristina and Johanna.

AUGUST

Hans August, born 1850 17/2 in Herslöv, died 1913 20/4¹². Their children: Johan Henning, Elsa, Anna Elisabet and Hanna Petrea.

Johan Henning, born 1904 5/9 in Ekeby, married Regina Hildegard Jonsson, born 1908 20/7 in Risekatslösa. Children: Hans Ingvar, Inga Britt and Bertil.

The family moved to Risekatslösa, postoffice address Mörap, in 1936.

Anna Elisabet, born 1907 16/4 in Ekeby, moved to Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 1923 12/7. She married George Osth and they have a son, Roy Allan.

Hanna Petrea, born 1911 21/6 in Ekeby, moved to Hälsingborg in 1931 and to Chicago, Illinois, in 1952. She lives with her sister, Mrs. George Osth, but is out on cases most of the time. She cares for newborn babies and young children.

CAROLINA

Carolina, born 1853 2/6 in Halmstad, moved to Hälsingborg in 1889. She married a Jönsson and had a son, Edwin.

KRISTINA

Anna Kristina, born 1860 9/29 in Ekeby, married Alfred Persson; moved to V. Broby in 1903.

JOHANNA

Johanna, known as Hannah, was born August 4, 1865 in Mörap. She left Sweden for North America May 5, 1886. She went to Chicago where, on February 25, 1895, she married Peter Utzig, a coachman born in Germany November 12, 1858. They made their home in Chicago where their children, Anna, Emma, Esther and Lester, were born and educated. Peter passed away April 26, 1926 and Hannah, May 30, 1952. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois. Hanna made at least two trips to visit Nordstrom cousins in Minnesota and is remembered with affection by those who met her. She was a hospitable hostess, according to those who had the good fortune of visiting her home. as did the editor of this book.

ANNA H. Utzig, born March 23, 1897, a graduate of the University of Chicago, is a high school teacher in Chicago. She lives in one of the apartments in a Utzig duplex on North Major Avenue and her brother and his wife live in the other. All are members of St. Cornelius Catholic Church. This editor has enjoyed pleasant, though infrequent, fellowship with Anna. She has been very helpful in making contacts with hitherto unknown relatives, in gathering material for the "Related Families" section of this book.

EMMA E. Utzig, born January 10, 1899, was a beautician in Chicago. She passed away November 20, 1951 and is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, River Grove, Ill.

ESTHER Utzig, born January 18, 1903, earned her B.A. degree in 1924 and her M.A. in 1926 at the University of Illinois. She taught until her marriage in 1928 to Albert Nelson Murray, who was born in Madison, Connecticut, September 25, 1894. He earned his B.S. and M.S. at the University of Colorado and, in 1928, his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He is a professor of Geology at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their children, born in Tulsa: Ann Virginia, October 21, 1932 and Frederick Nelson, April 21, 1935.

Ann earned her B.S. from the University of Tulsa in 1954 and her M.S., in Botany, from the University of Arizona in 1959. We suppose she is teaching now. Frederick earned his B.S. from the University of Tulsa in 1957. He is a meteorologist, at present writing a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Corps, stationed in French Morocco. Esther writes, "Frederick is six feet four and three-quarters inches tall and looks like a big Swede. People look at us and ask where he got his height. My side of the family."

Again, dated July 31, 1959, Esther writes, "It is terribly hot here in Oklahoma and we are going off to Kootenay Lake, B. C. for a vacation before school starts. This is the last year and then my husband retires. Maybe we can wander North to Tracy and Walnut Grove sometime." *Albert passed away June 18, 1961.*

LESTER J. Utzig, born December 17, 1904, is a graduate of University of Chicago and Northwestern University. He was married December 28, 1949, to Margaret Devine who was born in Chicago, October 26, 1904. Margaret is also a University of Chicago graduate and is a high school teacher. Lester is assistant high school principal.

4. ANNA

Anna Nilsson was born 1826 29/1. She married Anders Rubin, born 1831 9/11 in Orja. He was a *husar* (English, hussar), taking the name Rubin. Anna and Anders lived at Gluggstorp nr 1. Old letters would indicate that they had sufficient income for a comfortable living. Children, all born in Gluggstorp, Ottarp parish: Nils Peter, August Lundsten, and Bengt Rubin (name changed to Ben Roberts).

Anna Nilsson (Fru Anders Rubin) died 13/4 1897. The blackedged card reproduced herein announces her funeral. Such cards, in blackedged envelopes, were often delivered by messenger. Anders died December 28, 1913. Both were buried in the Ottarp cemetery.

NILS PETER RUBIN

Nils Peter Andersson Rubin, born 1/8 1860, oldest of Anna and Anders' three sons, became a *tunnbindare* (literally, barrel hooper) and later, a *tunnbindare-mästare*. He owned and operated a barrel factory, established in 1883. It seems that he started in Landskrona and then moved to Hälsingborg.

N. P. married Anna Sofia Carlsson, born 28/2 1859 in Hälsingborg. Children, all born in Hälsingborg: Ingeborg, Oscar, Hjalmar.

INGEBORG Bernhardina, born 10/8 1887, worked as a cashier at Stockholm for a time. She was at the family home in Raus, Hälsingborg suburb in 1926.

OSCAR Edvin, born 29/7, married Ruth E. I. Akesson, born 6/7 1896 in Höganäs. It seems that he was employed in a rubber products factory as an office clerk in 1912 and as a department manager in 1919. In a news story concerning his father's funeral, Oscar is referred to as *inköpschefen* (the chief buyer) but we don't know with what firm. Children: Sven-Bertil Oscar, born 31/7 1918, moved to St. Peters församling in Lund in 1949; Ruth Kerstin I., born 30/10 1921. At present writing Ruth is home with her widowed mother at Rådmansgatan 6, Hälsingborg. Oscar passed away 10/3 1958. *Sven has Ph.D degree + teacher 7 ranch + English at Ängelholm.*

HJALMAR Ferdinand, born 28/2 1891, died 22/4 1892.

Anna Sofia (Fru N. P. Rubin) died 11/8 1892. The widower, N. P. Rubin, married Ida K. Nilsson, born 13/1 1875 in Hälsingborg. Hearsay information has it that Anna and Ida were sisters, though we note differing surnames. Ida and N. P.'s children: Anna and Edvard. Ida probably passed away between 1901 and 1912.

ANNA Sofia Elisabet was born 19/9 1899, married Herman Gustafsson. ~~drapery shop in Hälsingborg~~ Children: Karin Johansson + Ingrid Leo.

EDVARD Konrad was born 20/9 1901. His father wrote in 1919 that Edvard was then in *Trädgårdslära* in Denmark. *He was gardener at Ekby. Retired at Bjur.*

A letter written by N. P. Rubin in 1919 states that he has retired from business, sold his rental houses and moved to a *villa* (cottage) which he had built in a suburb of Hälsingborg. He landscaped the place himself, planting many trees and shrubs, with the result that it was very attractive in 1926 when he passed away. He was buried in the new cemetery of the Raus parish.

AUGUST LUNDSTEN

August, second son of Anna and Anders Rubin, born October 17, 1863, probably went by the name Andersson until he served in the Swedish Cavalry in 1881. Upon completion of military service he emigrated from Sweden to U.S.A., becoming a U.S. citizen and making his home in Rockford, Illinois. In 1891 he married a Norwegian girl, Mary Halverson. A picture shows the Lundstens at time of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mary passed away March 19, 1943 and August, April 25, 1956, from a kidney infection. Children: Harry and Minnie.

Minnie writes, "Dad was a factory worker and a very good machinist. He also was a farmer for some time. He came to this country when he was 19 years old."



5.

Anna Nilsson

ANNA NILSSON'S

Begravnings-akt

1. Högskolan, Helsingborg den 28. Dec. 1913

And Ruben

Hannah & Esther Utzig. 2. Esther U. in Minn. '28. 3. Acker, Emma U., Ekvall, Anna U., Lester U., '27 4. August & Mary Lundsten, Peter & Hannah Utzig, '27. 5. Fru And-

SILVERMEDALJ

vid Helsingborgsutställningen 1903

Lager af färdiga
Tunnbinderiarbeten

Specialitet:
Bryggeri- och Vinkärl

6.

N. P. Rubin

Möllegränden N: 15

RIKSTELEFON 984

ETABLERAD 1883

Helsingborg den 28 December 1913

Broder August med familj

Begravningar. 7.

— Stoftet av f. d. tunnbindare-mästaren N. P. Rubin vigdes i går till griftero på Nya kyrkogården i närvaro av de närmast sörjande, väner och representanter för Hantverksföreningen i Helsingborg och Bödkerlaget i Köpenhamn.

Sorgeakten inleddes i gravkapellet med ps. 484, v. 1, och därpå trädde kyrkoadjunkt Eugene Dahlberg fram till kistan och höll ett griftetal med utgång från Dav. ps. 116: Du har räddat min själ från döden, mitt öga från tårar, min fot ifrån fall, jag skall få vandra inför Herren i de levandes land. Hur skall jag vederbörligen Herren alla hans ilgörningar mot mig. Officianten berörde i några personliga minnesord den dödes livsgärning och framhöll hans duglighet i facket samt förrättade därefter jordfästningen enligt ritulen.

Efter välsignelsen utförde kapellmästare (Gösta Fogelberg Händels argo. Sorgeakten i kapellet slöts med ps. 484, v. 5.

Kistan nitbars därefter till graven under prestavering av f. handlande Peter Nilsson, Helsingborg, och lantbrukare Magnus Nilsson, Filborna. Här förrättade kyrkoadjunkt Dahlberg en kort bön och lyfte frid över stoftet. Aldermannen Carl Petrusen frambar ett tack till den döde från Bödkerlaget och sonen, inköpschefen O. Rubin, tackade de närvarande för deltagandet i sorgen.

I den rika blomstergården märktes kransar bl. a. från Hantverksföreningen och Bödkerlaget.

ers Rubin's funeral announcement. 6. Concerning Anders Rubin's death. 7 & 8. Concern-

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Vår käre uppoffrande far
f. d. Tunnbindare-
mästaren

N. P. Rubin

avled stilla i dag i ett
ålder av 66 år, innerligt
saknad och i tacksam-
maste minne bevarad.

Helsingborg den 13 maj
1920.

Ingeborg.
Oscar och Ruth.
Anna och Herman.
Edvard och Ebba.
Barnbarnen.

Vila i ro. Du älskade
Fader.
Tack för Din kärlek som
i tider vi fått.
Tidigt Du följt oss i väx-
lande öden
Tills att ditt hjärta fått
stanna i döden.

ing N. P. Rubin's death and funeral. 9. Ben Roberts, Ekvall, Anna R. Erickson, Betty Erickson, Harry Lundsten, about 1940.

Utgått från min vän N. P. Rubin från Helsingborg
han är en död och skall begravas i morgon

Jag får nu i hast skriva några rader till dig och din familj ett godt nyttår. Och säger nu meddela dig att vår fader har slutat sina dagar efter att ha varit till sängs i 4 år han dog i dag klockan 6 på morgonen på Sankt Lukas Lasaret han hade endast varit der i 10 dagar. När jag fick telefon derifrån på morgonen han somnade stilla och lugnt jag var hos honom annan dag på och var han då så han kunde tala vid mig och var nöjd med att få sluta orsaken varför han kom dit var att han intet kunde blifva af med vattnet utan måste tappas varje dag så i morgon skall jag hemta honom och han skall begravas i ettan på samma plats som vår moder vilat jag skall skriva mera sedan när begravningen har varit.

Vänlig hälsning från oss alla till dig och din familj

Vänligen den broder
N. P. Rubin





Left to right, top: August and Mary Lundsten, married 50 years in 1943; Harry and wife, Alice, with children, about 1917; Harry and second wife, Myrtle. Second row: Roy and Minnie Ekvall, 1954; Merton and Beattie with children, 1954; Bernice and Russel Veits with children.

HARRY Lundsten, born August 27, 1892 in Rockford, married in 1912 to Alice Wahlstrom. Children: Bernice and Merton. Alice passed away in 1947. Harry was married again, to Myrtle. The Harry Lundstens have a summer home at Potato Lake, Chetek, Wisconsin, and a winter home at Ormond Beach, Florida.

Bernice married Russel Veits and they have three children: Joan, Hal. The Veits live in Waco, Texas. Merton and his wife, Beattie, living in Rockford, have two sons, Johnny and Jim. Merton is a tool engineer at Barber-Colman Co. and Beattie is manager of the Loves Park branch of Phoenix Cleaners.

MINNIE, August and Mary's daughter, was born in Rockford, May 5, 1895. She completed a business college course following high school. July 14, 1917, she married Roy Ekvall. He passed away in March, 1955.

Minnie has traveled in Europe, Hawaii, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina mountains and elsewhere. She maintains her home at Lake Worth, Florida. We acknowledge with deep gratitude Minnie's help with information about the descendents of Anna and Anders Rubin.

BEN ROBERTS

The youngest of Anna and Anders' sons was known as Bengt Rubin in Sweden. Information from the present *kyrkoherde* in Ottarp parish (postoffice address, Tågarp), Sweden, shows Bengt Rubin as having been a *tunnbindare*, born October 26, 1866, and dismissed to America March 24, 1885. He seems to have taken the name Ben Roberts after arrival in America.

Further information about Ben Roberts and his family has been given by a granddaughter, Betty Erickson, whose letter we reproduce.

Suite 1 - 1610 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver 9, B.C.

October 1st, 1959.

Dear Mrs. Pearson:

I am Anna Roberts Erickson's daughter and my mother just received your letter two days ago. We have recently moved so there was a slight delay in it reaching us. I am going to try to answer because I can type it all and my mother would have to write and there is quite a bit of writing.

My mother was very pleased to hear from a new cousin. It is surprising how many relatives people have that they never know about.

We realize you are in rather a rush to get the information on my grandfather's family and we have listed the information you requested the best we could. We have kind of lost track of Tommy's wife and children since he died and Esther's son has moved to Los Angeles. We still see him the odd time but don't know the exact dates of the birth of his children. We were unable to get the pictures you requested on such short notice but if you would like some at a later date we will do our best to do this for you. We have some of my grandfather and grandmother (Ben Roberts and his wife) but we would have to rummage through a trunk full of old pictures so it would take a little time.

My grandfather was a pioneer of B.C. and Vancouver having arrived here when it was just a settlement. He was a contractor and built part of the first railroad into British Columbia and also put in one of the first roads which has now become part of the main highway. He really watched Vancouver grow from a settlement to a large city and was very well known here during his younger days. He was married here and all his children were born here and still live here. New Westminster where I have listed some of them as being born is just a half hour drive from Vancouver and is actually almost a part of Vancouver now although in the early days when he lived in New Westminster it was a good one day trip to get to Vancouver and back.

I just thought you might like a little explanation first and following is a little about all the family in the order of their births.

Benjamin Roberts:

He was born in Skone, Sweden, October 23rd, 1867. When he came to America he went first to the United States but we don't know the exact year. However, he lived in various places in the States including Tennessee and Seattle, Washington, and came to Vancouver in approximately the year 1896 although we think it was a little earlier. He was a contractor for some years and later was connected with the lumber industry, which is the main industry in British Columbia, and owned and operated lumber camps. In the year 1897 he married Betty Johnson in Vancouver. She was born in Sweden in 1867. They had nine children. She died of cancer in Vancouver on February, 1919. In October, 1919, he married Jenny Stevenson, a widow from New Brunswick, Canada, with whom he had no children. She died in Vancouver in November, 1936, also of cancer. Benjamin died of an old age heart on November 24th, 1954. All three were buried in Vancouver.

The children are as follows:

Nels Roberts, 2122 Venables Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Nels was born in Agassiz, B.C. on June 29th, 1898. He was with his father in the lumber industry and is now with the Parks Board of the City of Vancouver. He married Rose Curran (born in the United States) in Vancouver in March, 1924. They have two children. Leota Norrainne Roberts, born in Vancouver March 31st, 1925. She is now married (1956) to Ainer Anderson who was born in Norway but came to Vancouver as a child and he is a commercial fisherman. They have no children and live in Vancouver. The other child is Benjamin Nels Roberts born in Vancouver, July 28th, 1927. He is a chartered accountant and unmarried and also lives in Vancouver.

Anna Roberts (Erickson), Suite 1 - 1610 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Born in Vancouver, B.C. June 24th, 1899. She married Gus Erickson who was born in Sweden and came to Vancouver in 1909. They were married in Vancouver, December 31st, 1919. He was also working in the lumber industry. He died of a heart attack on March 24th, 1952. They had one child, Betty Uledene Erickson born in Vancouver on March 10th, 1923. She is a legal secretary, unmarried and living in Vancouver.

Ida Roberts (Curley), 1587 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Born in Vancouver, B.C. on June 7th, 1900. She married Wallace Curley from Nova Scotia, Canada, in December, 1920. He was also connected with the lumber industry and died of a heart attack on March 26th, 1958. They had one daughter, June Gretchen Curley born in Vancouver on August 2nd, 1923. She is a school teacher, unmarried and living in Vancouver.

Clara Roberts.

Born in Vancouver on August 27th, 1901. She never married and was a nurse in San Francisco. She died in Vancouver and was buried here in July, 1930.

Florence Roberts (Everard), 2135 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

Born in New Westminster on May 27th, 1903. She married Alfred Everard, a decorator, of Vancouver, in May, 1949. They have no children but he has five by a previous marriage. He is now retired.

Thomas Benjamin Roberts

Born in New Westminster on March 27th, 1904. He worked in the lumber industry also. He married Maude Risley in Vancouver in March, 1924. They were later divorced. They had one child, a daughter born in February, 1925, named Irene Esther Roberts. Irene had one daughter with her first husband. The daughter's name is Carol Dow. Irene married a second time to Orley Caravetta, a barber, with whom she has another daughter, Dianne Caravetta, born approximately 1951. They live in Vancouver. Tommy married Wilma Douglas in May, 1941 and had two daughters, Darlene Roberts born March 31st, 1942, and Helene Roberts born in 1944. We do not know too much about Tommy's family as he was killed in a lumbering accident in October, 1946, and his second wife and children moved away from Vancouver. Tommy is buried in Vancouver.

Victor Allan Roberts, 3164 Fairmont Street, North Vancouver, B.C.

Born in New Westminster on May 24th, 1905. He is Manager of a plumbing and heating contracting firm. He married Myrtle Errington also of Vancouver, in Vancouver in August, 1936. They have no children.

Esther Roberts (Higgins)

Born in New Westminster, November 21st, 1907. She married John Higgins of Vancouver in Vancouver in February, 1924. She died in Vancouver on August 5th, 1932. They had one son, John Roberts Higgins, born in Vancouver on July 15th, 1925. He is a chemist living in Los Angeles, California. He married Rita (don't know her last name) in Vancouver in 1950. They have three children - Marion (Mindy) Higgins born in Vancouver in 1951, John Higgins born in Los Angeles in 1955, and Carl Higgins born in Los Angeles in 1957.

Albert Roberts

Born in Vancouver, May 2nd, 1909. Was not married. Died of T.B. January 6th, 1929. He is buried in Vancouver.

I hope this is enough information for what you require. We gathered it together rather quickly but it is accurate as to what I have down.

We would very much like to meet you and your family if you ever come to this part of the world.

As I said before my mother would have replied to your letter but it entailed so much writing that we thought I had better type it. If you wish any further information don't hesitate to let us know and we will do our best to supply it.

*Sincerely,
Betty Erickson.*

5. BOEL

Boel, known as **Bothilda**, Nilsson was born 15/6 1828 and died 17/8 1892. She married *Sadelmakare* (saddler) Johan Schultz, born 21/12 1831 in Billeberga. They made their home at Gluggstorp nr 1. Children: Carl, Emma and Kjerstin. *In 1897 Johan Schultz married Bothilda. Son: Bernhard, 1901.*

CARL Johan F., born 30/10 1864, emigrated, making his home in Chicago, Illinois. He took the name Charley Schultz. After the death of his wife, Hannah, he married Ida, who survived him. He passed away in 1928.

EMMA, born 16/5 1862, married *murare* (mason) Anders Hallberg. They had no children. Emma became a widow in 1915 and in 1929 moved to Hälsingborg, Maria church. *Anders + Emma are buried at Ottarp.*

KJERSTIN, born 1868, died 1878.

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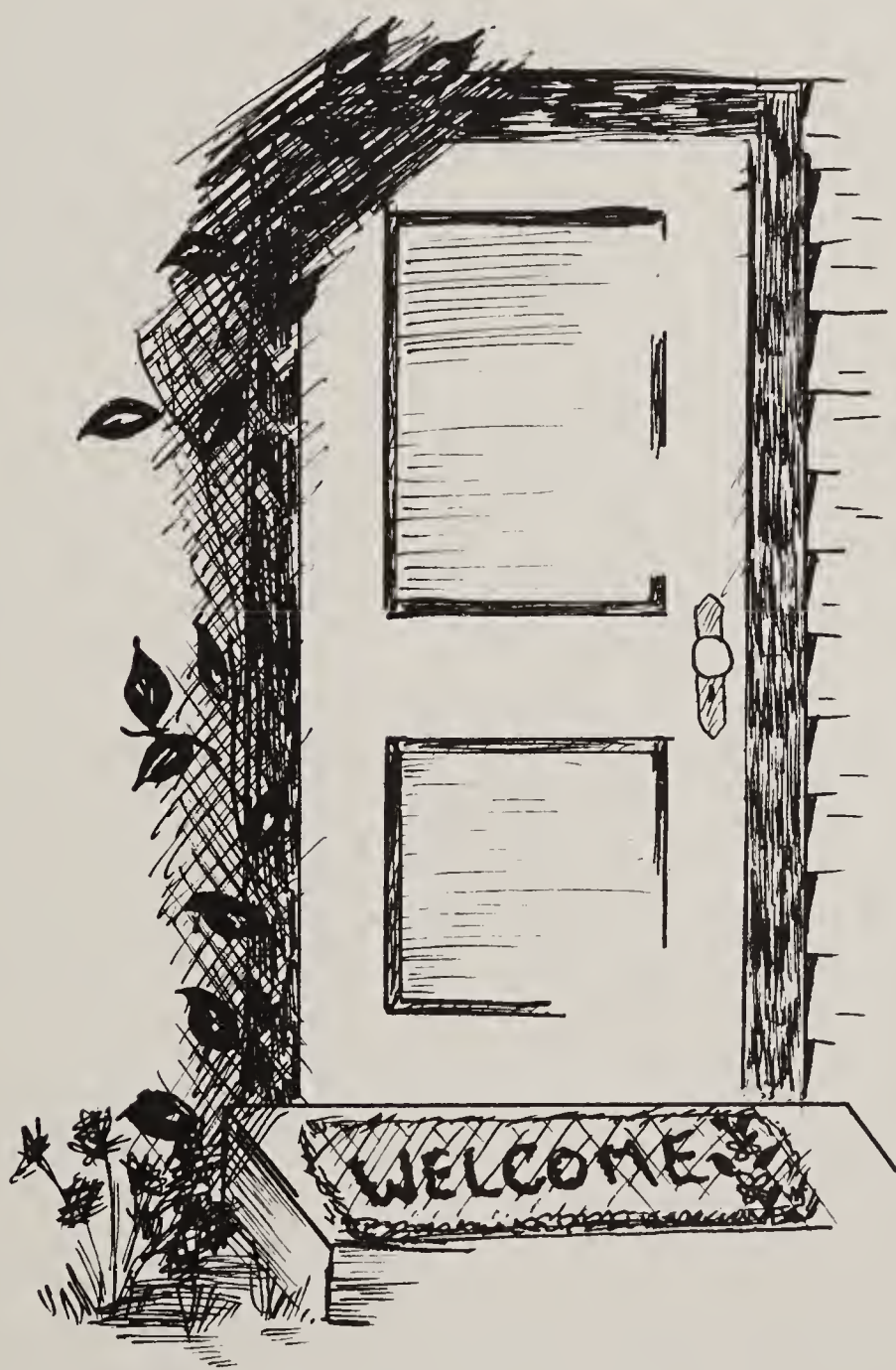
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In Memoriam

Hannah Lindgren Erickson



6. HANNA

Because Nils Nordstrom's sister Hanna and her family lived near the Nordstroms and played such an important role in their lives we have chosen to introduce the Hanna story and her daughter Nelly's story with sketches, as we did in the Nordstrom portion of our book.

Hanna was born September 28, 1831. It seems that she and her brother, Nils Nordstrom were especially close as children and as adults. She married a widower, Johannes Månsson (took name Lindgren later), born 3/2 1835 in Virestad or Verstad. (One informant says this is in Kronobergs län and another says Christianstads län.) He was a *banvakt* (lineman or train watchman) and used a little place in Gluggstorp nr 1. He had a son by his first marriage in Virestad, who later made his home near Lamberton, Minnesota.

Two children were born to Hanna and Johannes at Gluggstorp in Ottarp parish. Petter, born June 9, 1870, died sometime between 1871 and 1875 and is buried in Sweden. Nelly Sofia was born September 15, 1867.

Johannes Månsson Lindgren, known as John Lindgren in America, emigrated July 4, 1871. He traveled as far as New Ulm by train and had to stop off there for a while, staying at the hotel then operated by Carl Moline's grandparents. Continuing his journey to Walnut Grove, where other Swedes had settled, he found employment. He took a tree claim on the 160 acres three miles north of town later known as the Bristol quarter.

A tree claim involved planting 10 acres of trees which were to be kept cultivated, and also erection of a shelter in which the man who filed should reside a few days and nights each six months for five years. Upon completion of those requirements the government gave a deed to the land.

Lindgren also bought 80 acres of land a half mile farther south, now the Oberg place. Here he erected a building and in 1875 sent for his wife Hanna, their daughter Nelly, and his son by first marriage. Not long after the arrival of his family, Lindgren sold the tree claim quarter for \$200 and used the money to build a good house on the eighty. The former building there became a granary until it became a part of John Nelson's house.

Lindgrens' house was humble as compared with homes of their descendents, but it was well built and the best in the country at that time. A what-not stand which graced this home has been refinished and is now in Hannah Moline's home.

When only 47 years old, May 2, 1882, John Lindgren met a tragic death, gored by a bull. He was buried in the cemetery of the Swedish Lutheran Church, of which church he and his family became members May 3, 1876. Shortly after her father's death, on May 28, 1882, Nelly was confirmed with one of the early classes of this church, now Trinity Lutheran in Walnut Grove.

Left: Hanna's What-Not. Below: Lindgren-Erickson building site as seen from Nelson's lane. Arrow indicates location of house. Right: John Lindgren, about 1875.





Lars and Hanna



In 1883 Hanna Lindgren married Lars Erickson, born in Norway July 9, 1829, whose wife, Troen, had died the same year as Hanna's husband did. Erickson had a son, John, who farmed in Gales township. Those who have the old Plum Creek picture supplement will find John pictured with the Prairie Lawn Band.

Hanna and Lars made their home in Hanna's house, working out a business-like arrangement of finances and property to their advantage and the protection of their children's interests. Lars Erickson had income from his work as salesman, without disrespect called "peddler," and Hanna had farm income.

All of the Nordstroms came to America and to Walnut Grove after Lars and Hanna were married, and have mentioned that this was a pleasant home where many guests were entertained, everyone always welcome.

Hanna's daughter, Nelly, married John Nelson, who had purchased the farm east of Hanna's, the same year that she and Lars were married. In those days when roads were trails made by continuous driving over the same place, they were not always located between property lines. A survey showed that Hanna Erickson's granary stood on John Nelson's property, to the east of the legal road. Hanna sold it to her son-in-law, John, who moved it farther east and made it into a dwelling again.

One of Hanna Lindgren Erickson's granddaughters, Hannah Nelson Moline, has given us the following account.

"My first remembrance of Grandma Erickson was when she used to go with us to church to teach her Sunday School class consisting of confirmation age girls, no boys. Next was when Emma and I took turns every other days to bring milk to Grandma's house and as a reward we always had a cup of plain postum. Never getting any of that at home, it was a treat. Then I remember seeing Grandma out in the grain field pulling mustard. She wore a large gingham apron, gathered up and held in her left hand, together with a large black umbrella. She wore a large black sailor hat on her head, making sure that she wouldn't spoil her complexion with a little suntan.

"Then came the apple orchard with one precious tree that had such sweet forbidden apples. But kids are kids so plenty were swiped, and one day Grandma ordered Dad and Alfred to come over and cut the tree down. So, no more apples!



Hanna Lindgren Erickson with
great-granddaughter, Crystal.

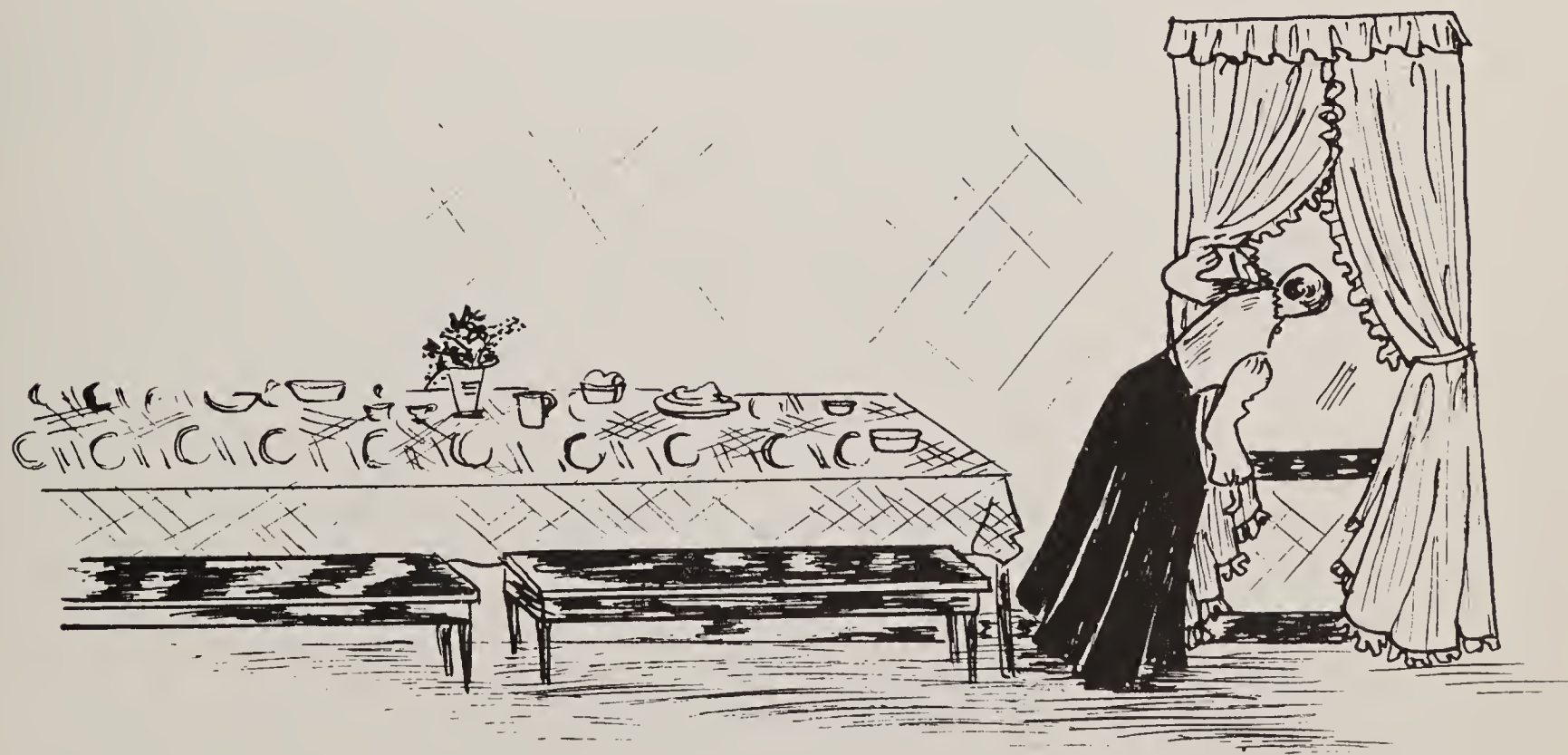
"The day that the older Nordstroms with their daughters Christine and Bertha came from Sweden they landed at Grandma's house. Christine and Bertha were in their teens so Emma and I looked up to them as a couple of queens. Here we were with dirty faces when we came to Grandma's with the milk and cream and to get acquainted. Grandma was so ashamed of us that she grabbed the first thing that she could reach, which was a wet dish rag lying on the water kettle on the stove. That should teach us to keep our faces clean! This and the old rain barrel make us wonder how people got by in those days, with such unsanitary practices. I recall the rain barrel that stood out at the corner by the kitchen wall, full of rain water in which we could see millions of little bugs swimming around. But anyhow there are many pleasant memories of bygone days which it would be fun to relive now."

Lars Erickson passed away March 8, 1899, and was buried by his first wife in the old Swedish Lutheran cemetery. Hanna continued to maintain a "house by the side of the road" until it was necessary for her to be with her daughter and family. She passed away May 3, 1918, at age 86. She is buried by her first husband, John Lindgren.

Hanna was God-fearing, hospitable, interested in beauty, adventurous and strong-willed. Because she settled at Walnut Grove her brother Nils and his entire family were drawn there. Certainly Aunt Hanna influenced Nordstrom destiny and played an important role in their lives during those pioneer days near Walnut Grove, Minnesota.



John and Nellie Nelson





NELLY

Nelly Lindgren's early life has been chronicled with that of her parents in the preceding chapter. She married John Nelson, known as Jöns Nilsson where he was born, August 30, 1851, in Osterslöv, Skåne, Sweden.

John's parents had been in good financial circumstances. After graduation from an agricultural college in Sweden, John became a supervisor on his father's farm, where his cousin Lars Truedson was one of the employees. Following reverses, John decided to emigrate, as his cousin Lars had done earlier. Lars had located at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, and John joined him there in 1880. He worked for farmers in the area, including the widow Hanna Lindgren. He also purchased a farm of his own two and a half miles north of town, where he and his bride settled in 1883.

John and Nelly enlarged their home later, but they started out with a 16x24 room used for everything in the winter time. In the summer a lean-to was used as kitchen. An unfinished room above this summer kitchen was the sleeping quarters of their hired help. They did not keep help in the winter. All of the Nelson children were born and raised at this farm home.

After John and Nelly retired from active farming they bought a house in town where they lived until their passing away, John in May of 1930 and Nelly in May of 1938. They were buried in the old Swedish Lutheran cemetery north of town.

John and Nelly had been active in the community and in the church. John served as Sunday School teacher, superintendent and as church custodian. Nelly was a good cook, preparing tasty food in large quantities for her own family and the many guests who enjoyed the hospitality of her home. A postal card written by Nelly to her cousin Mathilda Nordstrom Johnson in 1911 bears the post script, "We were 63 here yesterday." We realize that food preparation was difficult in those days when women not only baked their own bread and raised their own vegetables but often searched for fuel.

At one time it was suggested that John Nelson jump a claim, the last available free land, but he replied in no uncertain terms that honesty was a guiding principle of his life and that he would rather have less than gain wealth by dishonest means. That claim was later jumped by another, who eventually lost far more than he temporarily gained.

ALFRED

Alfred Leonard Nelson was born April 28, 1884; married November 7, 1913 to Jehnie Whitney, born November 28, 1886 at Princeton, Minnesota, and taught rural school near Walnut Grove. Children: Avis, Muriel and Ilene. Lived on a farm north of Walnut Grove until 1937 when moved to a farm at Tyler and then to Lake Benton, Minnesota. Retired from farming because of poor eyesight; moved back to Tyler. Died at Tyler July 1, 1944, from heart attack. In 1948 Jehnie moved to Minneapolis and lived with Avis; died October 19, 1958.

AVIS Madelyn, born June 11, 1919 at Walnut Grove, graduated from high school there. Joined the WAVES in October 1942, stationed in Washington, D.C. and in Honolulu, discharged October 1945. Secretary before marriage. Married August 7, 1948 to Harold E. Nelson, born November 18, 1905 at Litchfield and graduated from high school at Eagle Bend, Minnesota. Hobby—flowers of all kinds, but especially dahlia. Four children: Judy and Lucille (Harold's by former marriage), Lynn and Cindy. Lucille Marie, born February 10, 1941, entered Waldorf Junior College, Forest City, Iowa, fall of 1959. Judith Ann, born December 7, 1944, sophomore at Edina Morningside High School. Lynn Ann, born July 25, 1950, fourth grade. Lucinda Jean, born June 2, 1954, kindergarten. Harold is Supervisor for International Milling Company of Minneapolis. Residence: 4243 Alden Drive, Minneapolis.

MURIEL Yvonne, born May 26, 1921 at Walnut Grove, graduated from Tyler High School and South Dakota State College at Brookings. Taught school at Hendricks, Hutchinson and Albert Lea. Married June 29, 1952 to Harry A. Svihel, born April 11, 1924 at Silver Lake, Minnesota and graduated from high school there. Was farmer, now truck driver for Butler Paper Co. of Minneapolis. Residence: 5528 Xerxes Ave. South, Minneapolis.

ILENE, born May 14, 1923, graduated from Tyler High School, 1941. Attended Miss Woods School, Minneapolis. Married November 8, 1942 to Donald Morseth, born April 30, 1923, graduated Tyler High School, spent two years in the U.S. Navy, A.B. degree from Yankton College, B. Theol. degree from Yankton School of Theology. Served churches at: Mission Hill Congregational, Isabel, South Dakota, Milbank, South Dakota. Children: Pamela Ann, July 30, 1943; Son, July 29, 1953. (*Donald Paul*).

CARL

Carl Oscar, born October 6, 1885, passed away July 3, 1947. Farmer and Carpenter. Lived all his life at Walnut Grove, helpful to family, church and community.

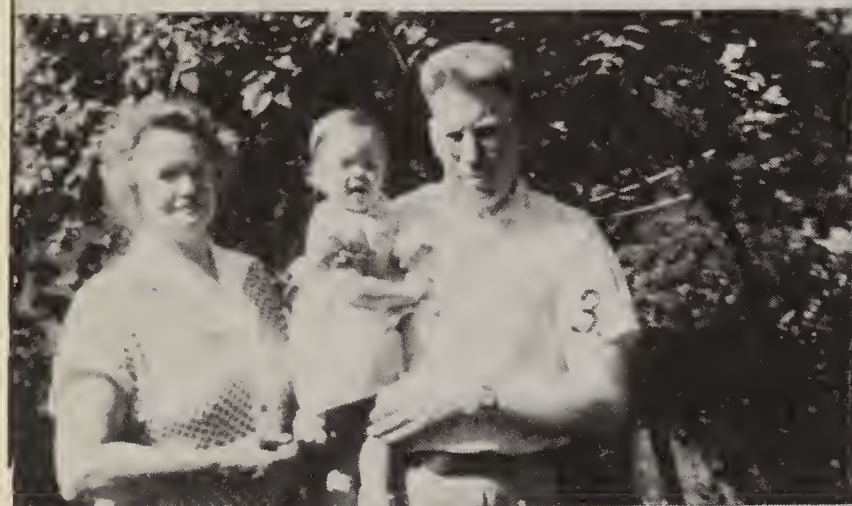
FRANZ

Franz Wilhelm, born October 25, 1887 attended schools at Walnut Grove and business college at Gustavus Adolphus. Marriage: May 12, 1919 to Ellen Carlson, born at Upsala, March 18, 1893, attended schools at Upsala, worked at Munsingwear, Minneapolis, before marriage. Occupation: street car conductor and shipping clerk for Butler Bros. Franz and Ellen charter members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. Franz, S. S. Sup't 25 years.

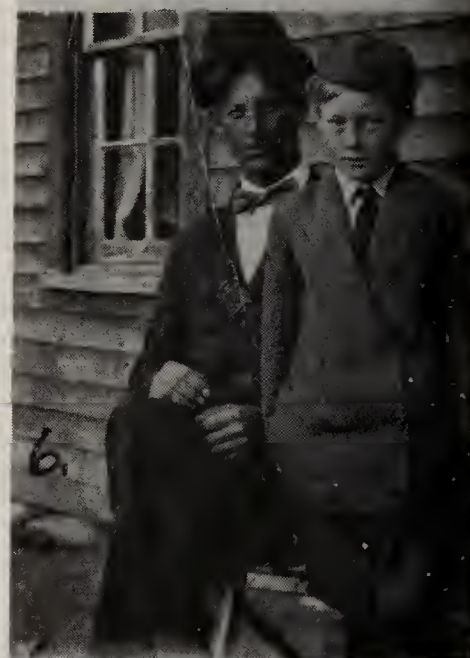
Franz's "main interest lay in devoting his life to making known to others the Saviour who had become such a complete satisfaction in his own life. He was active in the church with both young and old. He loved the outdoors, camping, picnicking, etc. During the short time between his retirement and death he was interested in his basement workshop and in learning the essentials of printing. He passed away after a brief illness (French Polio), August 24, 1953; burial at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, Minneapolis."

Concerning Ellen, her daughter writes, "During the years that our family was growing up her activities centered in making our home a very happy place for all of us and our friends. Since being left alone she busies herself with part time clerking at Powers, teaching Bible school and release time classes, and cooking for Bible camp during summers. Also spending lots of time with the children and grandchildren."

MERLAINE, born in Minneapolis January 6, 1923, graduated from Minnehaha Academy and Mankato State Teachers College. Elementary teacher before marriage. Marriage: March 16, 1951 to Paul W. Samuelson, Cokato, Minnesota, farmer. Children: Candace Ellen, March 3, 1952; Carole Hulda, March 15, 1954. Members of North Crow River Lutheran Church, Cokato, serving as Hi League counselors, teaching Sunday school, etc.; P.T.A.



3. Ellen & Franz with Candace Samuelson, 1953.
4. Sunday afternoon guests at Nelsons pose with Axel Nordstrom's Maxwell & a motorcycle, about 1912.
5. Lillie & Elmer at their 25th wedding anniversary, 1943. 6. Alfred & Victor.
7. Lillie at time of her



confirmation. 8. By the Nelson dining table. 9. Nelson brothers in age order. 10. Ilene & Don Morseth with Pamela & Donald Paul.



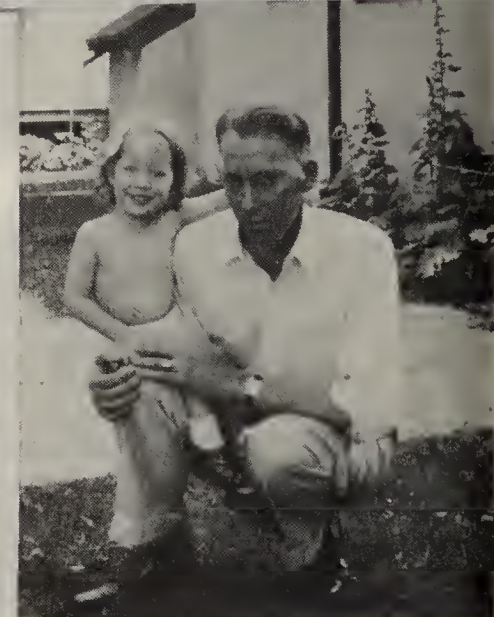
11. Muriel & Harry Svihel.
12. Alfred, Avis, Muriel, Ilene and Jehnie.





Top row: Jehnie & Alfred; Ellen & Franz; Carl & Hannah.
2nd row: Emma & Swen; Alvin & Florence.
3rd row: Elmer & Lillie; Hannah, Emma & Lillie; Hannah, Lillie & Emma; Mabel & Elmer; Esther & Victor.
Bottom row: Emma, Alfred, Franz, Hannah, Carl; Alfred & Franz going to Young People's Society meeting.





Top row: Carl & Hannah with Crystal; Crystal; Myra; Myra; Dick & Crystal. 2nd row: Clayton, Clarice, Carl, Hannah, Crystal & Winston; Winston & Emma with children; Clayton & Joanne with children. 3rd row: Hannah & Carl; Einar and Clarice with children; Marlene and Alvin. 4th row: Alvin on corn cultivator; Franz cranking car. Bottom row: Marlene & Florence; Marlene; Florence, Marlene & Alvin.



Delos WAYNE, born in Minneapolis, September 30, 1927, graduated from Minnehaha Academy and Mankato State Teachers College. Marriage: June 17, 1954 to Taima Kert of Northfield, Minnesota. Children: Bruce Kert, May 24, 1955; Karen Ann, March 14, 1957. Occupation: Teacher in the Bloomington High School; major is Industrial Education; Audio-visual coordinator. Does carpenter work, building homes, during summers. Memberships: Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington, P.T.A.; University Extension groups, etc. Interests: As a family they have several hobbies. Wayne: printing, photography, basketball (intramural) coaching, bowling, etc. Is Sunday School superintendent.

HANNAH

Hannah Theodora, born August 17, 1889 at Walnut Grove, attended schools there. Marriage: to Carl Moline of Tracy, welder and machinist with Minneapolis Gas Co. He is now retired and he and Hannah live in Redwood Falls where Carl is custodian for First Engl. Lutheran Church. Children: Crystal, Winston, Clayton, Clarice.

CRYSTAL, born August 10, 1912, married July 3, 1936 to Richard Mikesh of St. Paul. They have one daughter, Myrna Joyce, born in Havre, Montana, April 26, 1941, who lives with her Dad and attends college in Fresno, California. Dick owns and operates a 3 Minute Car Wash. Crystal died at University Hospital, Minneapolis, December 28, 1954.

WINSTON, born April 12, 1918, married Emma Frederickson born Feb. 8, 1920 at Benson, Minn. Occupation: Meter reader, Minneapolis Gas Co. Children: Bonnie Kay, May 13, 1941, attends U of M; Kathleen Gay, September 14, 1942, senior at Roosevelt High; Sheryl Anne, October 26, 1946, eighth grader at Nokomis Jr. High.

CLAYTON, born July 31, 1923, married Joanne Jacobson born August 13, 1926 at Madison, Minnesota. Occupation: Accountant at Minneapolis Grain Exchange. Children: James Clair, September 29, 1948; Janet Lynn, August 1, 1951.

CLARICE, born November 3, 1926, married Einar W. Nelson, born November 3, 1926 at Redwood Falls. Occupation: Farmer. Children: Jan Craig, November 12, 1951; Timothy Wade, June 16, 1953; Shareen Lee, October 26, 1955; Michael Wallace, November 14, 1958.

EMMA

Emma, born March 22, 1891 at Walnut Grove, married September 1, 1915 to Swen Swenson, born March 20, 1891 at Bromölla, Sweden. His occupation: farmer, constable, mail trucker. Emma passed away August 10, 1950. Swen continues to maintain home in Walnut Grove. Children: Lorraine, Delores, Eunice, Audrey, Curtis. All the children were born at Walnut Grove.

LORRAINE Evangeline, born July 12, 1918, married August 16, 1941 to Fritz Schmiesing, born August 17, 1919 at Lucan. Children: Fredric, Milan, Larry, Faye Ann. Residing at Lucan, Minnesota. Occupation: Farming.

DELORES Marilyn, born July 1, 1920, married April 12, 1941 to Otto Sorbel, born November 14, 1918 at Tracy. Children: Vonne, David, Steven, Marilyn. Residing at 3240 Welcome Ave., Minneapolis. Occupation: Sales Supervisor for Wholesale Grocery.

EUNICE Mildred, born October 4, 1922, married August 3, 1947 to Roland Morgan, born February 4, 1921 at Balaton. Children: Richard, Susan. Residing at 6115 Aldrich Ave., Minneapolis. Occupation: Barber.

AUDREY Juanita, born June 17, 1926, married November 13, 1948 to Jack Bugbee, born October 1926 at Benson. Children: Bruce, Mary Jill, Peter, Paul, John. Residing at Paynesville, Minnesota. Occupation: Owner of Bugbee Hive Resort on Lake Koronis.

CURTIS Leroy, born August 19, 1928, married October 21, 1951 to Marilyn Leifermann, born December 24, 1929 at Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. Children: Candice, Scott. Residing at 6113 Rhode Island Ave., Minneapolis. Occupation: Photographer.



Above, April 1959, front: Faye Schmeizing, Marilyn Sorbel, Peter & Paul Bugbee, Candice Swenson. 2nd row: Larry & Milan Schmeizing, Vonne, David & Steven Sorbel, Ricky Morgan, Jill & Bruce Bugbee. 3rd row: Lorraine, Delores, Swen, Eunice with Susan, Audrey, Marilyn with Scott. Back row: Fredric & Fritz S., Otto, Roland M., Jack, Curtis. Not shown: John Bugbee. Born Dec. 1, 1959: Tina Marie Swenson. Rt., upper: Swen, Emma & family. Rt., lower: Lillie, Victor, Hannah. Below: Arlene with Tom; Tom; Kathy Jo Nelson. Lower rt.: Shirley, Elmer, Wallace, Mabel, Gary, 1952.



LILLIE

Lillie, born May 27, 1893, married January 1, 1918 to Elmer Wigen, born at Walnut Grove, June 18, 1894. Children: Maynard, Marlow. Occupation and residence: Farming near Litchfield, Minnesota.

MAYNARD, born February 4, 1921 at Miller, S.D., married April 8, 1944 to Helen Brandt, born July 12 at Ivanhoe. Children: Gaylyn, born November 13, 1947 at Mora, Minn.; Calla Jean, born August 29, 1952 at Litchfield; Darla Jean, born July 14, 1957 at Litchfield.

MARLOW, born October 28, 1934, married September 26, 1959 to Anna Mae Rick. Both Maynard and Marlow farm with their father near Litchfield.

ALVIN

Alvin Walter, born February 11, 1898, married November 25, 1931 to Florence Eleanor Adamson, born August 4, 1902 at Moline, Illinois, and brought up near Willmar, Minnesota. Their daughter, Marlene Lynette, was born in Minneapolis, February 23, 1934. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, where Marlene was baptized. Alvin's cousin L. G. (Louie) Palmgren married Florence's sister, Helen Adamson. They live at Long Prairie, where Louie is president of The Hart Press, Inc. Alvin passed away in Minneapolis on August 31, 1938.

At present, Florence and daughter, Marlene, make their home in Willmar where they are active in First Covenant Church. Florence is time keeper and comptometer operator at the Great Northern Railway office. Marlene is long distance telephone service assistant and operator. Marlene has had artistic talent since she was a small child. She has contributed some sketches to our family books.

ELMER

Elmer Rudolph Nelson, born November 6, 1899, married to Mabel Kathryn Anderson, born at Walnut Grove, March 20, 1911. Mabel is a daughter of Abel and Amanda Anderson, pioneers living in the same section as the John Nelsons did. Elmer and Mabel lived on the John Nelson farm for 28 years, their entire married life. Elmer was born, raised and passed away on the same farm. He died suddenly, of a coronary thrombosis, October 21, 1955, at the age of 54 years. Mabel makes her home in Walnut Grove and is employed at the Gamble store there. Children: Wallace, Shirley, Gary.

WALLACE Warren, born February 17, 1928, married June 18, 1949 to Arlene Michelson, born November 25, 1927 at Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. Children: Thomas Warren, December 29, 1954; Kathy Joan, February 10, 1957. We quote from a September issue of The Walnut Grove Tribune:

"Wallace W. Nelson, Duluth, and a Walnut Grove, Minn. native, has been named superintendent of the University of Minnesota's newly established Southwest Experiment station near Lamberton. Since November 1953, Nelson has been agronomist and assistant superintendent at the University's Northwest Experiment station at Duluth.

"Originally from Walnut Grove, Nelson studied at the University, where he received his B.S. with distinction in 1950 and earned his Ph.D. in soils in 1956. He did extensive research at the University on chemical soil conditioners and conducted several studies at Duluth on general soil fertility and crop management. One of his most recent projects involved a procedure for successfully drying baled hay with mechanical equipment. The new Southwest Experiment station is located on a 240-acre site purchased by the University in January, 1959. Research there, to be started during the 1960 crop season, will be devoted principally to crops and soils studies."

SHIRLEY Florine, born November 29, 1930, married September 14, 1950 to Curtis T. Schafer, born February 20, 1929. Children: Laurie Jo, December 24, 1955; Lisa Ann, August 13, 1959. Curtis attended Mankato S.T.C. and U. of Minnesota, receiving his veterinary doctor's degree from the university. He is now a veterinarian at Hutchinson, Minnesota, where the family resides.



Curtis Schafer with Lauri Jo; Laurie Jo and Lisa Ann; Gary Nelson.

GARY Lee, born December 27, 1937, attended Mankato State T.C., Minneapolis School of Business, and night classes at the U. of Minnesota. He is now employed at the Fidelity State Bank in Minneapolis.

VICTOR

Victor Conrad, born April 27, 1904, married at Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, April 3, 1952, to Esther Cox Swanson, born at Dallas Center, Iowa, January 9, 1906. Occupation: Farming, at present east of Walnut Grove on the farm which was the Daley place in pioneer days.

VIOLA

Viola, born March 15, 1909, married to Bruce Reinecker, president of National School Studios, Inc., Minneapolis

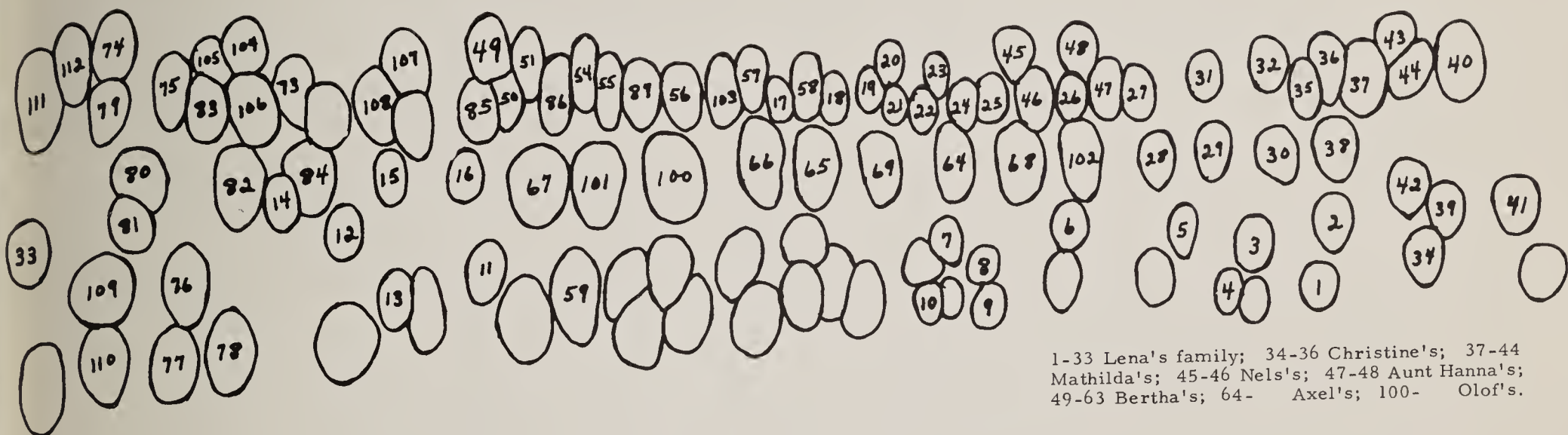
Daughter: Kathy. Residing in Minneapolis.

Viola is a graduate of Mankato State Teachers College and taught school at Mora and at Reading, Minnesota, before her marriage.



Left to right: Viola; Viola and Kathy; Bruce





1-33 Lena's family; 34-36 Christine's; 37-44 Mathilda's; 45-46 Nels's; 47-48 Aunt Hanna's; 49-63 Bertha's; 64- Axel's; 100- Olof's.

1. Carlene Henrichs
2. Beverly Henrichs
3. Rebecca Andersen
4. Ronald Henrichs
5. Lowell Simpson
6. Harry "Bud" Andersen
7. Ernest Andersen
8. Lori Simpson
9. Barry Eliason
10. Patty Eliason
11. Wallace Andersen
12. Debbi Andersen
13. David Andersen
14. Chris Andersen
15. Roger Andersen
16. Robert Suker
17. Iva Crigler
18. Sylvia Nachbor
19. Edwin Bengtson
20. John Eliason
21. David Henrichs
22. Marvin Henrichs
23. Margie Eliason
24. Edna Haley
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26. Isabelle Andersen
27. Erla Andersen
28. Barbara Simpson
29. Gladiva Andersen
30. Winnie Bengtson
31. Robert Andersen
32. Donald Suker
33. John Haley

34. Connie Magnell
35. Leona Magnell
36. Elmer "Pete" Magnell

37. Esther Bengtson
38. Hilma Pearson
39. Irene Pearson
40. Arthur Pearson
41. James Walfrid
42. Ruth Walfrid
43. Alvar Walfrid
44. Lydia Walfrid

45. Edwin Nordstrom
46. Marie Nordstrom

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Present but not pictured:
68-a Marilyn Klasse

THE ROUND-UP 1961

Date: Sunday, August 20, 1961
Place: Pebble Beach, Annandale, Minn.
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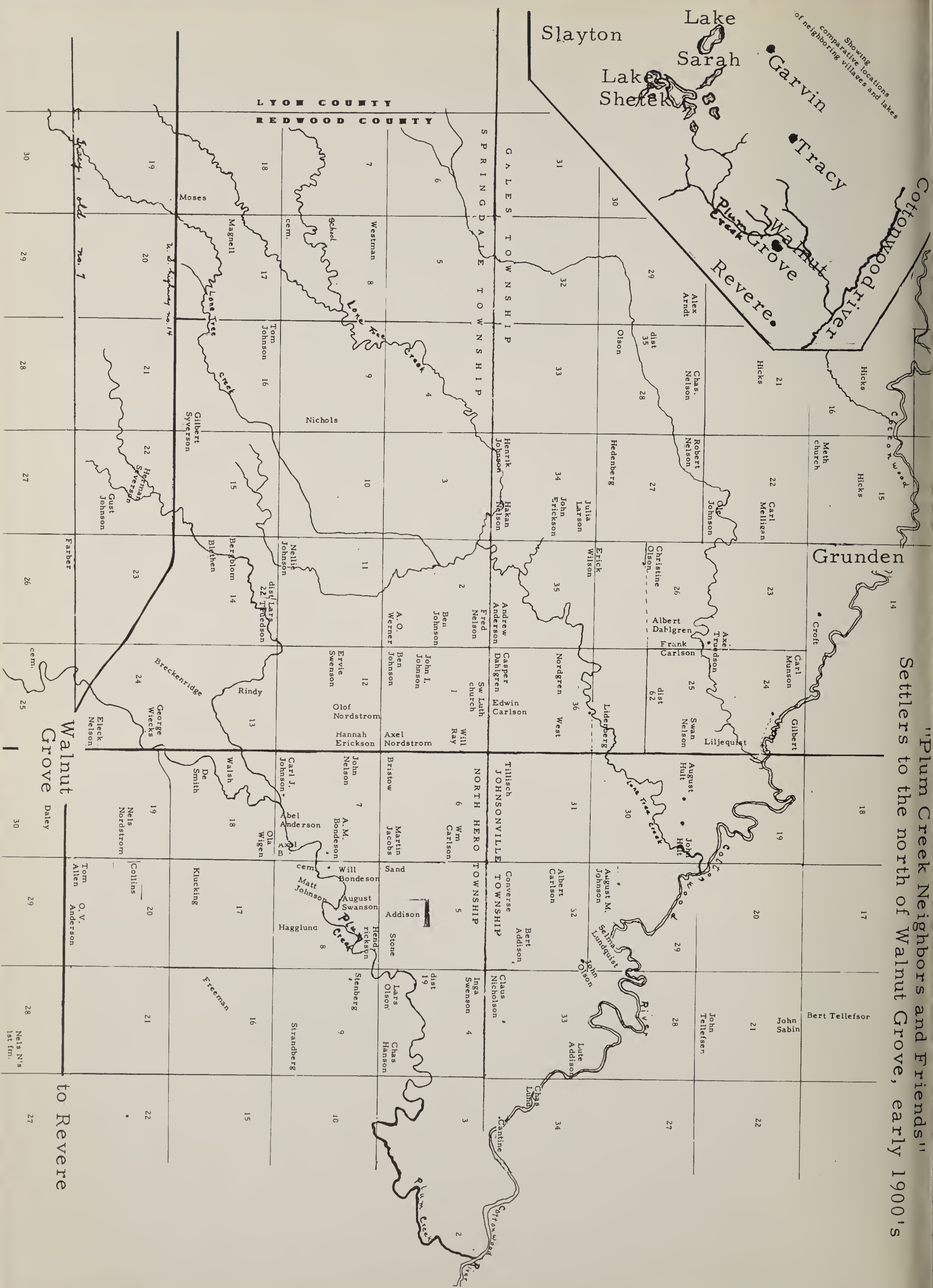
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St. Paul 13, Minnesota

Sec'y-treasurer: Esther Morrison
Scandia, Minnesota

Send vital statistics and all other news to
the secretary by August 1, 1961. Plan to
attend the reunion.



"Plum Creek Neighbors and Friends"
Settlers to the north of Walnut Grove, early 1900's



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